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**A CENTENNIAL HISTORY**

*"To God Be The Glory"*



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# Pastor's Message

## Commending One Hundred Years of Service for Christ



The birth of new life is always an exciting event for those involved. When new life first appears, it is impossible to calculate the influence and impact that life will have on persons as the present becomes history. An influence and impact it will have though.

One hundred years have passed since Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church was organized. There was no way those pioneer, visionary Christians could have known the impact and effect the birth of Pleasant Ridge Church would have on those who would come under her influence. You and I have the privilege of being a part of this history. We have the privilege of continuing to pass on that life begun in 1907. Out of our diverse talents and abilities God has brought a unity in love and in service to Him.

In the pages that follow we discover those who began this noble work and those who have the privilege of carrying on the work begun one hundred years ago. As we relive the events and revisit the people who made and make Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church possible, let us give thanks for such a wonderful heritage and for the opportunity to carry the spiritual baton our spiritual ancestors passed on to us. Let us keep their vision alive and seek to live in anticipation that we too have the privilege to pass the baton to a waiting generation.

Let us who are a part of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church keep kindled that excitement and enthusiasm that was no doubt found in the hearts of our founding brothers and sisters. Let us allow Christ to give us a vision of what we can be; a vision of what He wants us to be.

As pastor, I would like to say, "Thank you" for the privilege of being a part of such an inspiring history and such a wonderful people. As we enter our second hundred years, let us do so with Christ as our Guide, the Bible our standard, the Gospel our message, His love our lifestyle, and Heaven our hope.

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel Merritt

Pastor: November 2001 - Present

# *Introduction*

Welcome to the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. In 1907 when the church was organized, Theodore Roosevelt was President of the United States. In looking back, I can't imagine the struggle the charter members and others spent in building the first wooden church. I'm sure in those days there was not much money available for building a small country church. A lot of time, material, and hard work must have been donated by them.

In 100 years the church has seen good and bad times. It has survived several wars, (including two World Wars) and the Great Depression. In the past 100 years, God has blessed His church from her humble beginning with men and women who were willing to make sacrifices. We are very thankful for the hard work and time they spent. I remember attending the church in the one room wooden building in the mid 1930's. There were no services in winter months. Later this was changed and we attended church year round. I also remember at this time one of the good brethren made this statement, "We used to hibernate in winter months like bears." Thank the Lord the church had leaders in the past with faith and vision.

When the church was organized in 1907, my grandfather Hillery J. Carter became a charter member. At this time my father, Bramlet W. Carter was one year old. Later he became a life-long member and deacon of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. When I was born in 1928 my parents began bringing me and I have been attending since then. For several years now, I have been a church member longer than any other living male member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. I remember many of the charter members and other church leaders, who over the years have given their love and devotion, as well as many hours of their time to continue the work of our Lord. We give thanks to God for all these leaders. Many of them now sleep in the church cemetery across the road.

The first change I remember being made to the one room church was in the mid 1930's. Curtains were installed so Sunday School Classes could be left open or closed. The next change was in the late 1930's when seven Sunday School rooms were added. Well, times have changed!! Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church has come from a one room wooden church in the old days, to a church today consisting of three air-conditioned brick buildings and two 15-passenger vans. God has richly blessed Pleasant Ridge Church. Today the church has reached another milestone. During this celebration a note will be burned with the pay back being over ONE MILLION DOLLARS, making the church completely debt free. I don't ever remember Pleasant Ridge Church having a financial problem. I wonder if our forefathers ever dreamed what the church would be 100 years later.

Through the years we have enjoyed our revival and baptismal services, picnics, homecomings and special services. We have remained one loving, caring and big happy church family. As Pastor Dan Merritt says in his poem on the back cover of this book, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church has been "A Lighthouse for Christ".

It has been my honor to write this introduction. We have tried to cover the last 100 years of our church history. I hope you enjoy the book the committee has put together. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this book. As Psalm 23:6 states: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

HAPPY 100th.

Hilary Alex Carter    2007

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Cover of book: Picture of church by Eddie Settle

Back: Poem by Rev. Daniel Merritt

**John 10:10 - I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly.**

**Romans 10:9 - If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**

# *History Of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church*

## A Century of God's Faithfulness

(See also on church website: [www.pleasantridgebaptistchurch.org](http://www.pleasantridgebaptistchurch.org))

Ephesians 2:19-22 reads **"The household of God.....built upon the foundation of.....Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."** The first penned records of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church give evidence that it was upon this truth the church was born.

In the old church book, in faded script on yellow paper, this record is written:

"Grassy Creek Schoolhouse - North Carolina - Wilkes County. The Presbytery, consisting of L.B. Murray, C.W. Cheek and D.A. Edwards, met at Grassy Creek Schoolhouse October 19, 1907 and organized by electing C.W. Cheek, moderator; L.B. Murray, spokesman; and D.A. Edwards, secretary.

The following brethren and sisters from Shoaly Branch Baptist Church, who had been dismissed by letter, B.J. (Bramlet "Tink") Carter, E.A. (Edgar "Ed") Carter, J.W. (John) Carter, Rose Ann Carter, L.E. Carter, Mollie Carter, Francis Carter, Jane Martin, D.A. (Andrew "Tink") Carter, Etter Carter, C.W. (Caleb Winfrey "Cale") Luffman, Sarah A. (Sallie Ann) Luffman, C.L. (Luther "Luke") Luffman, Alice Luffman, Miles Blackburn, M.E. (Martha) Blackburn, M.M. Moses ("Mode") Layell, S.E. (Etta) Layell, D.F. (David "Dave") McCann, C.J. (Charity Jane) McCann, Ella Carter, Susanne Taylor, J.E. (Joseph "Joe") Layell, Ida Layell, Roxann Carter, J.W. (William "Bill") Martin, came forward and were examined by L.B. Murray on the Articles of Faith of the Baptist Church; after which the Covenant of the Baptist Church was entered into by the brethren and sisters.

Then Brother C.W. Cheek led the organizational prayer and delivered the charge. Then the presbytery delivered the church, duly organized and set apart, to do the Lord's work.

On motion, the church was named "Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church"; on motion, elected Brother L.B. Murray pastor for the next year; on motion, elected Brother D. F. McCann church clerk for next year; on motion elected and ordained as deacons, Miles Blackburn, C.W. Luffman and B.J. Carter; then opened the doors of the church and ten joined by experience: namely Hillery Carter, C.M. (Charlie) Carter, Betty M. West, Sophia Layell, Cindy Layell, Rose Darnell, Flossie Hodges, Lillie Carter, Arvil Murray and T.L (Thomas) Layell.

C. W. Cheek, Moderator

D. A. Edwards, Secretary"



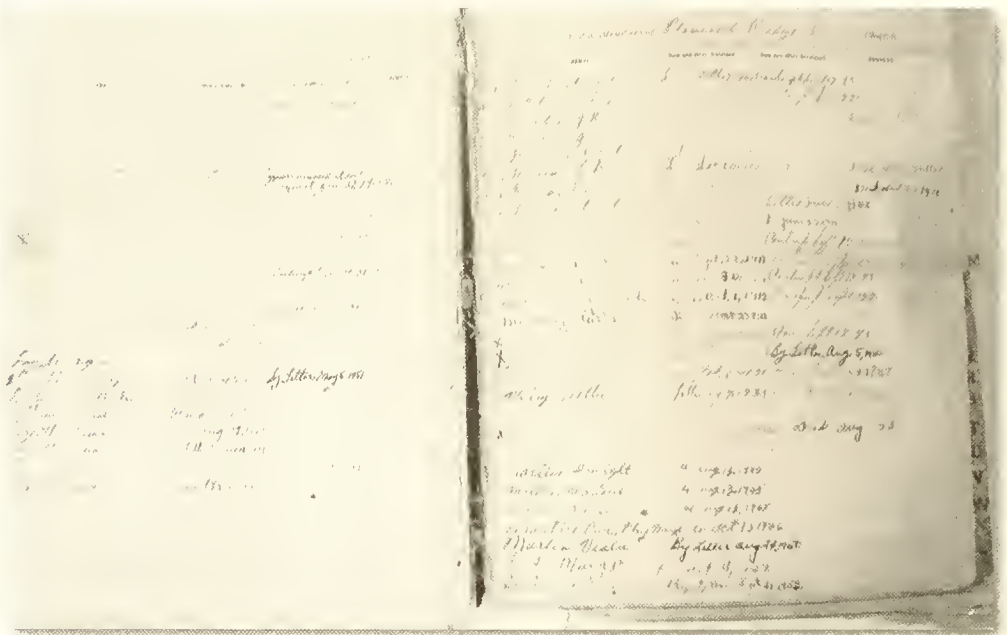
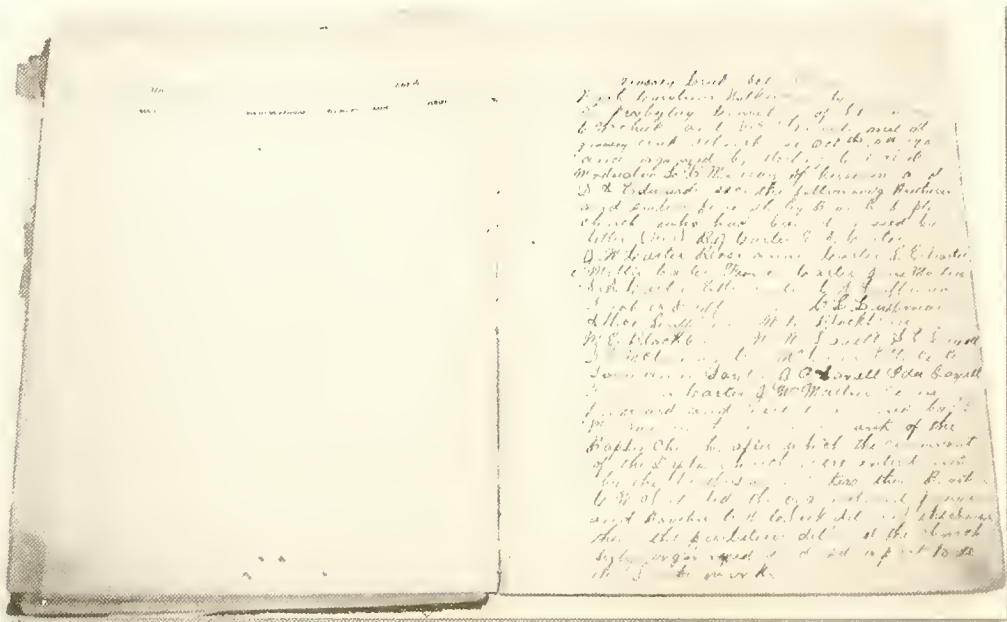
# *Original Church Roll and Record*



Original Church Roll and Record Book containing first minutes from October 1907 through June 11, 1941.  
Stored in safe deposit box at BB&T in Elkin.



# First Minutes



First Minutes shown from original minutes titled "Grassy Creek Schoolhouse" North Carolina Wilkes County...the presbytery consisting of L.B. Murray, C.W. Cheek, and D.A. Edwards met at Grassy Creek Schoolhouse October 19, 1907..."

Second picture...early listing of members.

The ten individuals who "joined by experience" (we would say today, on profession of faith) on October 19, 1907 were baptized the next day.

It is not in the written records, but oral tradition says that Rose Ann Carter and Emmer Murray (Preacher Murray's first wife) chose the name for the church.



Rose Ann Carter  
01/06/1864-  
09/25/1935



Emmer Murray  
10/03/1869-  
04/29/1912

On December 21, 1907 a Building Committee was chosen, composed of D.A. Edwards, C.M. Carter, D.F. McCann, M.M. Layell, Hillery Carter, and B.J. Carter. No written record appears concerning exactly when or at what cost the wooden framed church was built, but Agnes Carter Smith tells of her father, Bryan Carter, remembering that as a nine year old boy going with his father, Tink Carter, one of the charter members, to Doughton near Thurmond to help haul by horse drawn wagon lumber that was used to build the church.

While the men worked the ladies of the church would carry them water. Irene Bowen tells of her grandmother, Ennice Carter, talking about being one of the many women who helped carry water to the workers.

The building of the first church was a united effort by the members and served as the house of worship for Pleasant Ridge for over forty years.

The first church building had wooden shingles on the roof, that in time became weather worn, and were later replaced with a tin roof. As needed, upkeep and repairs of the church building were done by the members of the church who gave of themselves and time to make sure the church house was a worthy place of worship.

When it came to matters of Christian duty nothing was allowed to interfere, not even cold weather, for minutes record that on December 22, 1907 two women were baptized into the fellowship of the church; and on December 27, 1913 two men and one woman were baptized. On each occasion they assembled back at the church for preaching.

Pleasant Ridge joined the Stone Mountain Baptist Association in September 1913 at New Light Church.

In the Stone Mountain Association minutes from 1914 these facts are recorded for Pleasant Ridge Church: Delegates were D. F. McCann, J. H. Carter, and Irvin Carlton. D. F. McCann was listed on the Time, Place and Preacher Committee and this committee reported that the 1915 session would meet with the Pleasant Ridge Church.

In 1914 L. B. Murray, who was elected as the first pastor in 1907, was listed as pastor and D. F. McCann as clerk. Total value of Pleasant Ridge Church property was \$700; nine (9) received by baptism during the year, six (6) by letter and one restored; one was dismissed by letter and two (2) lost by death; total membership was listed as 91 - 35 males and 56 females.

Total financial expenditures for the year (1914) were \$154. \$100 was for Building and Repair, \$30 Pastor's Salary, \$10 Sunday School expenses, \$3 for the Poor, \$4 for Missions, \$2 pledges to Missions, \$2 pledges to Orphanage, \$2 for Aged Ministers and \$1 Minute Fund.





Rev. L. B. Murray

In 1914 Mrs. Esta Murray (pastor's wife) was Sunday School Superintendent. Enrollment was 94, with 9 listed as Officers and Teachers and 85 as "Scholars". Total Sunday School expenses for the year amounted to \$10 and \$1.50 was given to the Orphanage.

In 1914 there were 30 churches in the Stone Mountain Association and only one other church listed expenditures higher than Pleasant Ridge's \$154.

Following Rev. L.B. Murray as pastor, Rev. W.W. Myers served for two years from August 29, 1914 until September of 1916.

According to the early church records, church conferences were somewhat different in earlier years than those of the present time. Time and again committees were appointed to visit some member to inquire why he had not been attending church or to investigate a complaint brought by another member. Many instances are recorded where members made acknowledgement of their faults to the church and asked forgiveness. There are a number of instances where members were excluded for disorderly conduct or for some other reason are also recorded. One instance is given where a member

volunteered information to the church that he had not been living right and made his acknowledgements. Another member is quoted as asking the church to "excuse" him and, according to the record, on motion, he was excused.

The church wanted its members to walk in a Christ like manner and would admonish those who didn't, but were quick to extend forgiveness when it was sought. We see this truth lived out, for on at least one occasion a brother who had sought forgiveness and to be "excused" for a "fault" was restored and later served for a brief time as both moderator and church clerk. Extending forgiveness and redemption offered by Christ has been the central message of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church from the beginning.

In January of 1915 Fred Bauguess was appointed to ring the bell for the next six months. Ringing the church bell was important, for it signaled not only the beginning of church, but was also rung when there was a death in the community.

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association meeting of September 23, 1915 was held at Pleasant Ridge.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist has always sought to support mission causes through its giving. The first mission offering recorded was on December 3, 1916, when an offering of \$4.90 was taken for the orphans. On February 23, 1918 three young women of the church were appointed to collect money for missions.

In October of 1916 the church's first pastor, Rev. L.B. Murray, was re-elected and would serve for another five years.

The first mention of someone being ordained to the ministry is recorded on August 29, 1918. The minutes read, "On August 29, 1918 the church received a letter from the Second Baptist Church of Mt. Airy to ordain brother Lee Burrus for the ministry. On motion, the church received him for ordination; and on August 31 ordained him."

The first mention of a treasurer was the election of E. A. Carter to the office on October 25, 1919.

## *1920s*

The Roaring Twenties, as the 1920's are often called, proved to be a growing time for Pleasant Ridge. The church minutes from the 1920's give significant emphases on baptismal services. There are instances where baptisms occurred both on Saturday and then the next day on Sunday. Following the baptismal service and preaching on Saturdays, if afterward others were moved to join by "experience" they were often baptized the next day.

On January 24, 1920, J.H. Carter was elected as assistant treasurer.

During a revival in August of 1922 the church baptized "at the water" August 12, 13, 18, 20, and 22. Baptisms were more than spiritual services, but also social gatherings as friends and families came together to witness those who had claimed Christ as Savior being baptized and joining the church. Baptisms usually took place at the creek on what is now Preacher Fields Road. After the baptism they would usually "assemble back to the church for preaching and extended the right hand of fellowship to those baptized." Records indicate that sometimes up to thirty converts were baptized.

Rev. J.W. Bryant was elected pastor on August 27, 1921 and would serve until January of 1923.

According to the record, Bramlet Carter was the first sexton, elected in 1922.

In February of 1923 Rev. C.F. Fields became pastor and served until 1928. He was not only a noted preacher but also a noted educator. Preacher Fields Road, just below the church, is named after him.

Revivals were a special time in the church.

They would often last a week or more. Minutes from September 1, 1929 read that the church met "for to begin a revival meeting. Services continued day and night through the week, and because of the interest agreed to continue services for a few more days through September 10, 1929." On September 15, 1929, fifteen converts from the revival were baptized. One of those who made a profession of faith during this revival and was baptized was Flora Luffman Tucker, who at this writing is 94 years old and presently has been a member the longest (78 years) of all current members.

## *1930s*

As the Great Depression dawned, times grew hard. There may have been a shortage of jobs and money in the 1930's, but a shortage of love and faith was not to be found at Pleasant Ridge. The members gathered faithfully in worship to express their faith to the Lord who would see them through. Christ's work must go on, and go on it did.

Minutes record that in the 1930's the church more consistently sought to "elect church officers for the coming year" to help lead the church.

January 28, 1934 the deacons organized with Winfrey Luffman as chairman and Bryan Carter as secretary.

Rev. J.T. Murray served as pastor for five years, from September 8, 1934 until 1939.

On September 21, 1934, the Stone Mountain Baptist Association met at Pleasant Ridge.

A BYPU (later called Training Union and then Church Training) was organized in the early 1930's with Winfrey Luffman as director. The first study course was for this organization and was taught in 1935.

The first Sunday School Superintendent to be elected by the church was Clay Burchette in 1935.

In 1936 curtains were hung in the church to provide separate Sunday School classrooms. In the late 1930's seven Sunday School rooms were built. About this time, the first piano was bought for the church. Mrs. Winfrey Luffman learned to play the piano and became the church's first pianist.

On October 10, 1937 the church "met at the water to administer the ordinance of baptism to the candidates." Upon baptizing the last candidate the preacher "opened the church doors at the waters edge" giving an invitation to come to Christ. Howard Martin made a profession of faith at the waters edge and was baptized right then.

On November 27, 1938, the church voted to set the third Sunday in September for the annual election of pastor and church officers.

On September 24, 1939 Curt Luffman was elected church treasurer and Bramlet Carter Sunday School Superintendent.

## *1940s*

As the church entered the 1940's Rev. Frank Peeler was the pastor. Having been elected in September of the year before, he would serve until August of 1943.

The WMU (Woman's Missionary Union) first organized in 1939 with Odessa Luffman as president, but the first mention of it in the church record is on December 22, 1940 when it is recorded that the "W.M.U. gave the pastor a Friendship Quilt".

The Sunday School met the ten strict requirements set up by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1942 and was awarded the Standard of Excellence rating for that year and three years following.

In 1943 an all-time high in Sunday School enrollment was 238 with an average attendance of 133.

It took a lot to keep the members from attending church; however, there were weather related occasions that resulted in cancellation of services. Church minutes from February 1943 read, "No service held on the second Sunday night in February due to the severe cold weather."

Of the year 1943 Hilary Alex Carter gives a vivid recollection in an article he wrote in July of 1993 of his memories as a fifteen year old. He eloquently writes, "The year was 1943. I was 15 years old. Our country was involved in World War II. Franklin Roosevelt was President. Rev. Frank Peeler, a veteran of World War I, was our pastor for most of 1943. Rev. S.L. Blevins followed him (September 12, 1943 to 1950). We had preaching services once a month; the first Saturday night and Sunday morning of each month. Our church had no plumbing, insurance, salaries, bank account or budget. Air conditioning was unheard of. We only had electric lights and a wood stove. Revivals would run for a full week with day and night services. We also had shouting in those days. Baptisms were held in nearby Big Elkin Creek. Pleasant Ridge was a strong, caring, loving, and praying church. Our church was always ready to help each other in time of need. I remember one Sunday after church was dismissed, Brother Winfrey Luffman asked for help. When he went to milk that morning, he found his cow in the barn loft. He said he would appreciate it if some of the men would come over to help get her down. After dinner, with the help of a few men, the family cow was safely backed down the steps. As I look back, the Lord has wonderfully blessed our church family. Well, it's years later and we still have a strong, caring loving, and praying church just the same as "The Old Country Church of '43."

What marvelous memories to relive and what a marvelous testimony of the faithfulness, commitment, and love of God's people.

Winfrey Luffman was elected clerk of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association in September, 1943 and served through 1949.



From the 1944 Stone Mountain Associational minutes it is recorded that Pleasant Ridge gave in total gifts \$726.97, which was the largest given of the fifteen churches listed. Through the years Pleasant Ridge has always been a leading church in giving to mission causes.

The 1944 minutes also list Sunday School enrollment at 198. The break down being: ages 3-5, 12; ages 6-8, 18; ages 9-12, 19; ages 13-16, 42; 17 & up, 63; cradle roll 8. The Sunday School Secretary was Irene Bauguess (Bowen). There were eleven officers and teachers.

The Nineteenth Annual Conference of the Stone Mountain Sunday School Convention was held at Pleasant Ridge May 27 & 28, 1944. Butrice Luffman was on the Promotion Committee representing Pleasant Ridge. Bramlet Carter was Sunday School Superintendent. Delegates were E.A. Carter, Sr., Moses Monroe Layell, and Hubert Martin.

In the summer of 1945 a significant revival took place at Pleasant Ridge that resulted in 30 baptisms. The harvest that was reaped many trace back to the fervent prayers of charter member, Moses Monroe Layell. Brother Layell in 1945 was not only up in years, but was dying with cancer. He became consumed with a burden to see a great move of the Spirit as revival time approached. Though his physical condition confined him to being homebound, he spent a great deal of time praying for a mighty harvest of souls. Brother Layell passed away on June 22, 1945, a month before the revival began, but his earnest prayers did not go unanswered.

According to church minutes the revival began on July 14 and continued through July 25, 1945. The revival resulted in the harvest of souls Brother Layell had prayed for. On August 12, 1945 "the church met at the waters at one o'clock to baptize where there were 30 baptized and were extended the right hand of fellowship." Brother Layell's fervent prayers proved the truth of James 5:16, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth (accomplishes) much."

The 1946 revival also saw a good harvest of souls. The minutes read, "Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church met Sunday night September 15, 1946 to start a revival meeting. The pastor (Rev. S.L Blevins) was assisted by Rev. Woodrow Wishon. The meeting continued through September 22. Fourteen people joined the church as candidates for baptism and seven joined by letter."

December 28, 1947 is the first mention of a budget. It was voted that \$35 a month be given to the pastor and \$7 a month be sent to the Orphanage; also, outgrowing the church built in 1908 a "budget plan was adopted to raise money to finance a new church." Though it would be a little over four years before a Building Committee would be elected to proceed with the project, with a dream in their heart the church began to gradually save money that would help finance the new sanctuary.

Though the exact date is uncertain, as the 1940's were coming to a close Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held for the first time. According to Lois Carter Hutchison and Agnes Carter Smith, in the late 1940's for several days Odessa Luffman attended a VBS clinic for training. With the knowledge she gained Odessa became instrumental in the organization of VBS becoming an annual summer event at Pleasant Ridge. VBS has been held every summer since.

## *1950s*

As the new church year of 1950 began, the Rev. Woodrow Wishon was elected pastor on October 8, 1950 and would serve for one year until the end of 1951.

Winnie and Lucy Luffman (daughters of Winfrey & Butrice) served as summer student missionaries in the Stone Mountain Association for a number of years in the 1950's.

Rev. J.L. Powers was called as pastor on January 6, 1952. About two weeks later, on

January 21, 1952; Winfrey Luffman, Bramlet Carter and Ernest Caudle were elected to serve on the Building Committee. Bryan Carter, Burr Hutchison and Thomas Lee Davis were elected to serve as Trustees. The growing church began looking into building the new sanctuary.

The congregation united together and on February 24, 1952 the church voted to award the contract for the new church building to H.C. Burcham for \$22,400. The new church building would contain a sanctuary, ten classrooms, and two restrooms.

August 10, 1952 - the church authorized the trustees to borrow \$10,000 and to give mortgage on church building and lots as security.

A special service was held on August 31, 1952 for the cornerstone laying and roll call of church members. Offering and pledges received toward the new building was in the amount of \$2,010. The final payment on the loan was made January 19, 1956.

Pews were installed in the new building on September 24, 1952, and the Stone Mountain Association held its annual meeting there two days later on September 26, 1952.

A Church census was taken in the community early in 1953 and yielded these facts:

Total number of families  
in community.....101

Total persons in community .....368

Resident Pleasant Ridge  
Church Members.....120

Members of other churches  
giving Pleasant Ridge  
a preference .....12

Non-church members age 20  
and above .....60

Non-church members age  
10 to 20 .....44

Total number of non-church members  
age 10 and above .....104

Number persons who attend  
no Sunday School .....140

Butrice (Mrs. Winfrey) Luffman was elected secretary of the Stone Mountain Baptist Sunday School Convention in 1953 and served through 1956.

Burr Hutchison was elected director of the Training Union on June 21, 1953.

In February 1954 Butrice Luffman was elected by the Stone Mountain Association as Missionary. She was the first Associational Woman's Missionary Union president and served for seven years, 1954-1960. From 1961-64 she was Director of Missions in the Elkin Association, and again from 1971-77.

On May 12, 1957 Miss Margaret Hazeltine of Wake Forest College was voted/employed to work with young people during the summer.

In October of 1957 the church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. In fifty years since its birth the church had grown in numbers, spiritually, and financially.

## 1960s

By the time of the dedication of the new building in 1960, a well had been dug, plumbing and rest rooms installed, parking area surfaced and various other improvements made. On November 20, 1960, at the morning worship hour, Dr. M. A. Huggins of Raleigh brought the message in a special service dedicating the Pleasant Ridge Church house to the glory of God.

On December 31, 1960 Mrs. Winfrey Luffman accepted the position of Associational Missionary for the Elkin Baptist Association and held that position until her resignation February 29, 1964.

Lois (Mrs. Burr) Hutchison was elected president of the Stone Mountain Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in 1961 and served through 1964.

In early 1962, after ten productive years as pastor, Rev. J.L. Powers relinquished his duties. The church had grown to where it could support a full-time pastor and by prayer and faith took this step of faith.

On March 11, 1962 the church voted to elect a full-time pastor and the following served as Pulpit Committee: Burr Hutchison, Alene Luffman, Wilsie Draughn, Ralph Collins, and Wiley Darnell. On September 30 the church voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the committee to elect the Rev. Homer F. Greene of Boone. He assumed the duties of the pastorate December 1, 1962.

On March 10, 1963 the church authorized the first "Youth Week" observance with Jackie Luffman, Wake Forest ministerial student, as youth speaker.

Early in 1963 the church voted to build a parsonage. Bryan Carter, Bramlet Carter and Ernest Caudle were chosen to serve as the Building Committee. Bryan Carter and Ed Carter, Jr. gave the land. On February 17 the trustees were empowered to borrow money for the building and \$16,000 was borrowed. The \$23,000 structure, with seven rooms and two baths, was occupied on June 5, 1963. Open House was held on Sunday afternoon, August 4.

Pastor Homer F. Greene was elected moderator of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association for the year 1963-64; the first time a member of Pleasant Ridge Church had held the post.

Stone Mountain Association meeting was held

at Pleasant Ridge on September 23, 1966.

On July 28, 1968, church voted for E.A. Carter, Jr., Chairman, Hilary Alex Carter, and Raydell Carter to work with the pastor as Building Committee. (See report of this committee in the Church Property section). Church adopted building plans on October 13, 1968 of new educational unit, consisting of seventeen additional class rooms, downstairs fellowship hall, pastor's study, church office, kitchen, two nurseries, and one bath, the complete renovation of the existing building, and the church's first baptismal pool. When complete it would contain 11,088 square foot of floor space. The church also voted to purchase new stained glass windows for the building.

In the Fall of 1968, as a sophomore in high school, Sharon Golden (Wooten) became the church organist. It is a position she has faithfully served in since.

On October 30, 1968 the contract for church expansion and renovation was awarded to Tierney Construction Company, church specialists of Winston-Salem, for the amount of \$66,175. Kape Haynes was enlisted as the construction foreman whose excellent oversight over the project resulted in an eventual successful completion.

On November 10, 1968 the church voted to authorize the Trustees to secure a loan with Northwestern Bank for \$74,000, but used only approximately \$68,000. The church voted to construct an additional floor to the new plans already approved in order to make the entire new structure conform to the existing "A" type building at a cost of \$8,690. This brought the contract price to a total of \$74,865.

Additional improvements on the interior of the building not included in the contract price amounted to \$11,025. This was used for purchase of new pews and furniture, pew cushions, carpet, public address system, and chandeliers.

On May 25, 1969 all services of the church were conducted in the Old Pleasant Ridge School Building for the duration of the

construction of the new church house.

On December 7, 1969 the church was privileged to move into the new facilities for the first service.

In 1969 the church held an Appreciation Service in recognition of three deacons who had served the church for a combined total of more than 120 years. They were S. Bryan Carter, V. Winfrey Luffman and Bramlet Carter. Each was presented a gold plaque honoring their years of service.

The last of the original charter members, John Carter, died in 1969.

The 1969 minutes showed membership at 287 with 16 additions for a total of 303 members. The Sunday School enrollment was 194, Training Union 35, Music Ministry 35, and WMU 43. Budget for the 1970-71 year was \$23,668.83.

## *1970s*

On September 25, 1970, the Stone Mountain Association met with Pleasant Ridge in their new and renovated building.

On October 25, 1970, the church held a formal dedication and consecration service for the expanded and renovated facilities to the glory of God and to the service of man. A 15-page printed program included a detailed report from the Building Committee. (See Church Property section)

In 1972 Bramlet Carter, Bryan Carter, and Winfrey Luffman were elected "Life Deacons" by the church.

The General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1972 selected Burr Hutchison to serve a three year term from 1972-1975. During his term he served on the Building Planning Committee. Hutchison is the only member to date from Pleasant Ridge to have the honor to serve on the prestigious General Board.

As the spring of 1972 approached Rev. Homer Greene resigned as pastor after ten years of service. While the church searched for a new pastor Rev. Walter Turner served as Interim pastor.

In June of 1972 Rev. George Hyler became pastor. That same year the church purchased a bus, voted to have a quarterly observance of the Lord's Supper, and to publish a church paper each week, and secured the services of a part time secretary, Alene Luffman.

In August of 1972 the church began sending a weekly newsletter to the members and others who desired one. The church has continued this weekly ever since.

The 1972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions goal was \$600 and the church far exceeded that with a total giving of \$1,504.

In May of 1973 the church began furnishing the Baptist state paper "The Biblical Recorder" to every family that wanted to receive it. That continues unto this day.

The 1974 church budget was approaching \$40,000, being \$39,116.

After sixty-one years in the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, in 1974 the church voted unanimously to request membership in the Elkin Baptist Association, effective at the beginning of the associational year in September and was graciously received into their fellowship.

In September of 1975 the Budget Committee presented to the church the 1976 proposed budget that was the church's first one over \$40,000, being \$41,940 with \$4,660 designated for missions. The church voted to accept the challenging budget and united together to meet it.

The Elkin Association met at Pleasant Ridge for the spring session 1976.



In 1976 the church's first pictorial directory was completed. The Rev. George Hyler was pastor.

Rev. George Hyler stepped down as pastor on October 10, 1976. The church presented to him a generous love offering on his last Sunday. A Pastor Search Committee was elected consisting of: Anne Groce, Alene Luffman, Mary J. Norman, Alex Carter, Jerry Parks, Richard Thompson, and Ed Carter.

On April 3, 1977 Rev. Glenn Byrd began his duties as pastor. He would serve the church for the next sixteen years.

October 29, 1977 Sunday School set a high attendance of 177. The goal was surpassed by three people, with 180 in attendance.

A ramp was built in the spring of 1978 to accommodate wheelchair occupants.

Pastor C. Glenn Byrd was elected president of the Elkin Baptist Association Pastor's Conference in 1978.

The note for \$74,000 given for the 1968-69 remodeling was paid off June 15, 1978 and recorded in the Register of Deeds office June 28. The note was burned in a special service on August 20, 1978 with message by the Rev. Homer F. Greene followed by a fellowship dinner.

Total mission giving for 1978 topped \$5,000 for the first time, being \$6,636. The church's faithfulness to missions beyond its four walls is one of the secrets to the Lord's blessings on the church over the years.

January 17, 1979 Odessa Luffman explained the great need to support the World Hunger Offering. Her compassionate concern helped the church "to see the need, and feeling the obligation, voted to support this." The church has generously supported the World Hunger Offering ever since.

In October of 1979 the church went from a quarterly business meeting to monthly.

## *1980s*

On November 2, 1980 Thomas Lee Davis was presented the "Life Deacon Honor" plaque by Rev. Glenn Byrd on behalf of the church. Rev. Byrd wrote concerning him, "Tom is a great man, one who has given of himself to serve the Lord, his church, his family, and his community." Such words we would all treasure being said about us and which we should strive to be true of us.

The week of April 16-23, 1981 the church participated in the Elkin Association World Wide Mission Conference.

Also in 1981 the church participated in the Wilkes County Evangelism Crusade. Each church was asked to donate fifty cents a member to help with expenses. Participating in the World Mission Conference and the county crusade in the same year revealed the church's mission outreach concern was both home and abroad.

The 1981 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions was said by Rev. Byrd to be a "bold and challenging goal" of \$2,000. The church members liberally gave and topped the goal by \$63, with an offering of \$2,063.11.

April 12-16, 1982 Pleasant Ridge participated in the nationwide Southern Baptist Simultaneous Revivals Baptist churches were conducting across the nation.

The restrooms were built on the sanctuary level and the choir room was enlarged and carpeted early in 1982.

October 17, 1982, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church observed its seventy-fifth birthday with an Anniversary Worship celebration followed by a fellowship dinner.

As 1982 ended, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church's birth, mission giving topped \$10,000 for the first time, with giving to all mission endeavors being \$11,121. In a five year period, from 1977 to the end of 1982 the church's mission giving increased nearly 250%!

From the church's humble beginnings, the proposed church budget for 1983 was approaching \$50,000, being \$48,826.

May 11, 1983 the church voted to repave the church parking lot and the parsonage driveway for a cost of \$5,000.

On June 22, 1983 the church voted to purchase a Baldwin Organ for a cost of \$3,950.

November 16, 1983 a separate fund for the cemetery was begun to see if the cemetery could support itself. On November 12, 1986 all cemetery funds were transferred into a separate account.

The proposed budget for 1984 was approaching \$50,000, being \$49,386.

March 14, 1984 Pleasant Ridge voted to participate in the Elkin Baptist Associational wide World Mission Conference.

A van fund was started on August 15, 1984 to buy a 15-passenger van. The van would be purchased when enough funds were available.

The 1985 church budget was \$51,186, topping \$50,000 for the first time with 13% of the budget going to missions.

A year after the van fund was started the church bought a 1982 Chevy van for \$4,000 on August 4, 1985.

New carpet and drapery and other upgrades were made to the sanctuary, voted upon September 1, 1985 at a cost of \$7,500.

Cathy Sidden was elected as Church Clerk,

October 16, 1985.

The church donated pew cushions to the women's prison in Raleigh, November 13, 1985.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church participated in the nationwide Baptist Simultaneous Revivals on March 23-30, 1986.

May 4, 1986 Pleasant Ridge voted to build a new Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Hall Building Committee members were: Richard Thompson, Billy Carter, Tommy Liles, Sr., Brenda Ross Wall, and Rev. Glenn Byrd. The church authorized the Trustees to borrow \$9,300. There was \$17,056 in the Fellowship Hall Building Fund.

On September 17, 1986 the church made its first donation of \$100 to Tri-County Christian Ministry and voted to begin supporting them in the annual budget. Pleasant Ridge continues to support this worthy ministry financially, and with donations of food items.

The 1987 proposed budget was the first over \$60,000, being \$65,876.

Easter Sunday, April 21, 1987, the church set a goal of 200 in Sunday School. Through hard work the goal was surpassed with 213 in attendance.

On the fourth Sunday in May of 1987 Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Byrd were honored and recognized for ten years of service.

Oleene Harris was elected Church Clerk, October 4, 1987.

February 1, 1988 Sharon Wooten began duties as church secretary, filling the position for eight months. She took over duties from Alene Luffman who had been secretary since 1972.

On July 25, 1988 the church dedicated the day to Mrs. Mattie Carter who was 100 years old.

In July of 1988 the church participated in the area-wide Clyde Dupin Crusade which proved to be a great success bearing much fruit.

A new PA system was installed in the church in the summer of 1988.

On August 17, 1988 Hilda Hanks was voted in as church secretary. She is still the church secretary as the church enters its centennial year.

The year 1988 ended like most years at Pleasant Ridge when it came to mission giving. Minutes read, "We enjoyed a good year at church in missions support. Every goal for special offerings for missions was met or exceeded."

The church started 1989 where it left off, reaching another mission offering goal. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Mission goal was \$1,925. The church once again exceeded the set goal by giving \$2,211.

Sunday School High Attendance Day for March 26, 1989 was 200. The goal was reached with 202 present, a great feat seeing that there were only eight visitors and the Sunday School enrollment was 225.

The church began recording morning services to be taken to shut-ins, July 12, 1989.

The church voted to put a new roof on church as result of damage by Hurricane Hugo, November 15, 1989 at a cost of \$6,257.

The year 1989 ended as it began, reaching a goal. The goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions was \$3,000. The church surpassed it by giving \$3,012.

## *1990s*

As the 1980's came to a close and the church entered the 1990's it did so with a budget

that was approaching \$80,000, being \$79,780 with \$8,900 designated for missions.

A new telephone system was installed for the church and fellowship hall that did away with rotary dialing and updated to all touch-tone phones, January 17, 1990.

The church extended the ramp at the back of the church, March 4, 1990.

The church decided on March 14, 1990 to sell for \$600 the church bus that was bought in 1972.

Time of church business meeting was changed from the second Wednesday of each month to the third Wednesday in each month, June 20, 1990, which is currently still the appointed time for monthly business meeting.

Billy Carter was elected Church Clerk, October 17, 1990. Also in 1990, Clyde Johnson was elected church custodian and served until the summer of 1996.

In February of 1991 Grace Haynes was honored for 42 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. It was a testimony of faithfulness and commitment that was and still is an example for all to follow.

The church bought new hymnbooks, March 20, 1991.

In September of 1991 Rev. Glenn Byrd joined others from the Elkin, Ashe and Three Forks Associations for a two week mission trip to Brazil. He was one of sixteen ministering in the State of Sao Paulo. Pleasant Ridge graciously paid his expenses. Upon his return he reported through the services held, home visitation, and other outreach opportunities over 400 decisions for Christ were made. The church, through their prayers and giving, were laborers together with him as he ministered in the name of Christ.

The year 1991 saw the church pay off the indebtedness on the fellowship hall built in 1986. This was paid off in less than half the time the loan was for.

In 1992 a new church directory was done, the first one in sixteen years.

May 24, 1992 Rev. Glenn and Mary Lou Byrd were recognized for fifteen years of service.

The year 1992 came to an end with total mission giving going over \$20,000 for the first time, with \$22,718 being given.

On January 20, 1993 the church voted to begin sponsoring a Boy Scout troop.

A new 1993 Dodge 15 passenger van was purchased for \$21,162, April 21, 1993. The church also kept the one bought in 1985.

In April of 1993, after 16 years as pastor, Rev. Glenn Byrd retired. A Search Committee consisting of Agnes Smith, Sarah Byrd, Teddy Caudill, Jimmy Caudle, and Harvey Settle were elected to begin searching for a new pastor.

Molly Gay Johnson was elected Church Clerk, May 19, 1993.

Rev. Paul Shoupe began serving as Interim pastor on July 18, 1993 while the church searched for a new pastor.

On November 14, 1993 the church voted to call Jeff Vogler as pastor, beginning his duties in January of 1994.

The 1993 Dodge van that was purchased in April of 1993 was paid off in one year, April 20, 1994.

The church voted in August of 1994 to re-do and update the church basement.

The year 1995 got off to a great start in Sunday School with an attendance of 199.

The church parking lot was repaved and expanded at a cost of \$24,000, April 1995.

In the summer of 1995, with the church growing, a new pictorial directory was completed.

The year 1995 ended with Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church offerings being more than they had ever been in the history of the church, topping \$150,000 for the first time. With offerings the largest in the church's history, the church adopted for 1996 its first budget over \$100,000, at \$128,468 with \$32,133 given to missions.

In August of 1996 Buddy and Vickie Collins were selected to serve as church custodians. They are still serving in that position at this writing.

Tammy Caudle was elected Church Clerk, September 18, 1996, and still serves in that position at present.

The church voted to begin looking for an additional church van, December 11, 1996. A 1996 Ford 15 passenger van was purchased in January of 1997 for \$19,000, with \$6,000 of the amount donated.

On January 15, 1997 a recommendation was made to begin looking into options on the expansion of the church. A committee was elected consisting of: Joe Cooke, Mark Carter, Donald Wall, Dana Walker, and Pat Luffman.

The church voted to hire Jeremy Absher as a summer youth director, February 16, 1997.

The old 82 Chevy van, purchased in 1985, was given to the Boy Scouts, February 19, 1997. It was later sold on September 24, 1997.

On April 16, 1997 a little over an acre of land directly behind the church was purchased from Bob and Ann Caudle for future use for \$5,000.

In June of 1997 Pleasant Ridge member Jerry Sparks joined with other Elkin Baptist Association members for a mission trip to South Africa.

After ten months of studying various options of expanding, the Building Committee presented its findings and on November 2, 1997 Pleasant Ridge voted 92% in favor of building "in some



form or fashion to the church.”

The church’s total mission giving at the end of 1997 went over \$40,000 for the first time, being \$40,399.

In the summer of 1998 the Brotherhood took three mission trips to Hazard, Kentucky.

On August 15, 1998 the Building Committee reported they had been talking with companies that only build and remodel churches.

The Building Committee reported on August 30, 1998 they had checked on what could be done to expand the existing building and the cost, and also checked on building a new building with seating capacity of 600. Meeting with church contractors which were obtained from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, their findings were that the existing building could be expanded but would be much too costly. It was the Building Committee’s recommendation that the church build a new sanctuary.

Seeking a unified effort by all, the church voted on October 4, 1998 for the necessity to have an 85% majority before beginning on a new church building.

On July 11, 1999 Rev. Jeff Vogler gave his resignation to the church; with July 18, 1999 being his last day as pastor.

In July of 1999 the Building Committee consisting of Chairman Donald Wall, Teddy Caudill, Dana Walker, Vickie Collins, Joe Cooke, Fred Carter, and Jason Brown, presented a proposal to build a 12,715 square foot church to seat 622 people, 60 in choir and 562 in the sanctuary at a cost not to exceed \$1,099,363 and to be built by John S. Clark Company (\$51,000 was added later to bring the total to \$1,150,363).

On August 1, 1999 a vote was taken on the proposed building plan, needing an 85% vote. The vote was 84.848%.

The Building Committee and Deacons recommended on August 4, 1999 that the vote be rounded up to 85% and that the church

proceed with the building. The vote to do so was 100% in favor of proceeding with the building.

In August of 1999 a pulpit committee was elected to search for a new pastor. The committee was Donald Hayes, Lynn Blackburn, Brenda Wall, Charlie Sealey, and Christine Greene.

Rev. Vernon Ball was recommended to be Interim pastor, August 22, 1999.

In November of 1999 hand bells were donated in memory of Bryan and Tessie Carter to enhance the morning worship hour. The generous gift was donated by Javan and Betty Lou Carter Luffman (their daughter/sister of Agnes Carter Smith).

On December 12, 1999 a groundbreaking service was held for the building of the new sanctuary.

The Pastor Search Committee presented on December 19, 1999 the Rev. Steve Pegram as a candidate for pastor.

As Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church moved into the last month of the twentieth century and was on the verge of entering the twenty-first century, it did so continuing to build upon the foundation on which it was founded, standing firm on Biblical principles and values that have been its compass through the years, and venturing by faith into a new era with a vision that was moving closer to becoming a reality.

## 2000

The church voted on the Pastor Search Committee’s recommendation on January 9, 2000. Receiving the necessary votes, Steve Pegram accepted the call and began his duties as pastor on February 13, 2000.

In April of 2000 the church was authorized to secure a loan from BB&T for \$850,000, eventually borrowing \$768,906.50 for construction of the new church.

In the summer of 2000 the youth took a mission trip to Myrtle Beach to help in rebuilding homes, conducting backyard VBS, and helping minister to the homeless.

In keeping up with the technological advances of the day, in August of 2000 Thomas Liles created a web site for Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church: [pleasantridgebaptistchurch.org](http://pleasantridgebaptistchurch.org). Thomas (son of Linda and Tommy Liles) received an Eagle Scout Award for his work. Later, Teresa Sparks served as Webmaster, and since the spring of 2006 Jim Peterson has updated the Website.

As the summer of 2000 gave way to the changing leaves of autumn, one thing that didn't change was Pleasant Ridge's resolve to give testimony to God's faithfulness and the faithfulness of the members to adhere to moral and Biblical integrity. From its birth the church's Scriptural and doctrinal resolve has been an anchor that has kept it from shipwrecking on the shallow rocks of moral and doctrinal compromise. Pleasant Ridge has remained afloat in the ship of truth and thus the reason the church through the years has been able to experience the fruit of obedience.

With Christ at the helm, only two months away from the first service being held in the new sanctuary, on November 15, 2000, after ten months as pastor, Rev. Steve Pegram submitted his resignation.

A Pastor Search Committee was elected on November 26, 2000 consisting of: Jeff Walsh, John Sidden, Jerry Sparks, Shelia Settle, and Phyllis Norman. While they began their search for a new pastor Rev. Vernon Ball was elected as Interim pastor on December 1, 2000.

After much hard work and overcoming of obstacles the church proved what trust in the Lord and uniting together in His name can accomplish. On January 14, 2001 the new sanctuary was dedicated to the glory of God. What had begun as a dream, and then became a vision, had become a reality

As Pleasant Ridge entered 2001 it did so by approving its first budget over \$200,000, being \$242,678.

New pew Bibles (110) were purchased to go in the new sanctuary, March 21, 2001.

On May 6, 2001 a corner stone and time capsule service was held which will be opened in 50 years, May of 2051.

The spring session of the Elkin Baptist Association was held at Pleasant Ridge Baptist on April 22, 2001.

It was voted to add a drive-thru shelter to the front of the new church at a cost of \$45,000, on June 13, 2001.

On August 29, 2001 the Pastor Search Committee had a prospective pastor to present to the church, Rev. Daniel Merritt. Rev. Merritt preached on September 9, with the church favorably voting to call him as pastor on September 14, 2001. He began his duties on November 18, 2001.

The year 2001 revealed the faithful giving by Pleasant Ridge members. Total offerings for the year topped \$300,000, being an astounding \$304,694.

In 2002 the church was blessed to have added to the beauty of the worship hour a Baby Grand Piano.

In July of 2002 the youth went to the North Carolina coast on a mission outreach trip ministering in various churches and on the beach.

On September 8, 2002 Homecoming and opening of the cornerstone from the church built in 1952 was held. Contents included membership roll and a record of the sacrificial giving of the members that resulted in the project being completed.

In the fall of 2002 a pictorial directory was completed.

At the January 2003 business meeting it was

reported that Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church was one of the best church givers to the Tri-County Christian Crisis Ministry.

In February of 2003 the deacons began an annual Valentine's Day Banquet for the widows and widowers of the church and community to honor them and show appreciation for their contributions to the church and community.

As the winter of 2003 gave way to spring, the church Cemetery Committee of Hilary Alex Carter, Billy Carter, Bill Luffman, Steve Martin, Jeff Walsh, and Artis White made plans to enlarge and improve the cemetery. Under the supervision of Hilary Alex Carter trees and stumps were removed, a paved drive 395 feet long was constructed through the cemetery, and grass was sown on the back side. The completed project not only expanded the cemetery but added to the already beauty of the church grounds.

The Youth Director, having always been a volunteer position, in March of 2003 the church for the first time voted to make it a part-time paid position with the hopes to some day making it a full-time position. Jerry Sparks was the first part-time paid Youth Director.

In the summer of 2003 a gazebo was built to house the church bell that had hung in the old church. The gazebo was built by the family of Caleb Luther ("Luke") and Alice Harris Luffman, in memory of two of the charter members of the church.

In September of 2003 the church voted to sell the church parsonage, which had been built in 1963. The sale and transaction was completed on May 28, 2004. The \$119,482 received from its sale went to help retire the church debt.

On the fourth Wednesday night in October of 2003 the church began a fellowship meal to be served every fourth Wednesday of the month. The meal is self-supporting by donations and continues to be successful.

In October of 2003 Rev. Daniel Merritt preached the annual sermon for the Elkin Baptist Associational meeting held at Elkin Valley Baptist Church.

As 2003 came to an end it did so with the church surpassing its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal by giving \$6,225 to foreign missions.

In February of 2004 the church purchased a phone tree, which has proven to be a tremendous asset for sending out important announcements, and prayer needs to the church family. In the church's beginnings the church bell was rung to let the community know there was a prayer need or death, and members would eventually find out the need by word of mouth. In later years members were assigned to call by phone other members in an effort to get to everyone the prayer concern. The phone tree has shown to be a valuable way to get the same message to all members in a limited amount of time.

In March of 2004 Zack Adams was elected as Youth Director and served until the summer of 2005.

April of 2005 saw a card ministry begun to send encouraging cards to those on the prayer list and others going through difficult times.

In the fall of 2005 a van ministry was begun in an effort to reach those who otherwise would not have transportation to church.

November 16, 2005 the church voted to incorporate, which does not change the operation or the functioning of the church, but protects the members in case of legal liability.

The year 2005 ended with the church surpassing its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal by giving \$6,400 to be used on the foreign mission field.

March 15, 2006 a Centennial Historical Committee was selected to begin work on the 100 years celebration. Members named:



Nick (David) Brown, Billy Carter, Hilary Alex Carter, Agnes Carter Smith, Christine Spicer Greene, and Rev. Daniel Merritt.

In September of 2006 Tim DeBord was voted in as Youth Director and continues in that position at this writing.

On October 18, 2006 it was reported that in the last five years close to \$700,000 of the \$768,906.50 had been paid on the debt of the new sanctuary. It is a testimony to the faithful stewardship of the members of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. (At this writing, about \$48,000 is owed with hopes of having it paid off by the Centennial Celebration.)

The church's stewardship in giving is seen in the total offerings given for 2006 being \$311,590, and total mission giving approaching \$50,000, being \$46,399. Both the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goals for 2006 were reached once again with \$4,853 and \$6,679 given respectively.

Over the years as Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church has increased numerically and as well its faithfulness regarding stewardship has also grown. This is seen not only by the church's ability to take on what seem like overwhelming projects and quickly pay them off, but also by the willingness to set challenging budgets that support the church's many organizations, mission giving, and other endeavors all in a continued effort to advance the Kingdom of God. As the church enters its centennial year it does so with the 2007 budget approaching \$300,000, being \$287,174. (See Budget 2007, p. 164)

The Lord has truly blessed the church from 26 original members to at this writing approximately 400, from its first recorded mission offering of \$4.90 to \$46,399, from total value of church property in 1914 listed at \$700 to \$2.3 million listed in 2006, and from the first recorded budget of \$35 to a budget of almost \$300,000. It has truly been a century of God's faithfulness to a

people willing to trust and follow Him.

As 2007 has dawned, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church moves toward a remarkable one hundred years of service for Christ. The journey has had its share of struggles and obstacles, but with a united purpose of serving Christ the church has celebrated numerous accomplishments and victories that give evidence to the fact that Christ is ever-present at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

Our founding brothers and sisters would stand amazed how far Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church has progressed since its humble beginnings on October 19, 1907. But then again would they be amazed, for the same Christ that led them to begin this Christ-centered work in those early days is the same Christ who leads us today. They no doubt, as heavenly spectators, cheer us on to bigger and greater victories.

If Christ tarries His coming, may all members of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church remain faithful in service. Those who are alive at His coming, may He find us busy in His service. For one truth is certain after one hundred years: it is faithfulness to Christ that has brought Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church this far and faithfulness to Him that will take us into the future.

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The years 1907-1982 were compiled by Mrs. Winfrey (Butrice) Luffman, with additions by Rev. Daniel Merritt using minutes of the church clerk and past newsletters. In July 2007 Rev. Daniel Merritt compiled years 1983-2007 using minutes of church clerk, oral histories, past newsletters, and other church documents.

# Charter Members

Romans 12:5: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

An old church record book from October 19, 1907 reports the following people became the first members of the newly organized Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. An alphabetical list appears below of those who moved from Shoaly Branch Church and those who joined by experience. The meeting was held at the Grassy Creek Schoolhouse in Wilkes County NC. (See History section)

## From Shoaly Branch Baptist Church:

ME (Martha) Blackburn	Susanne Taylor	DF (David "Dave") McCann
EA (Edgar "Ed") Carter	Miles Blackburn	BJ (Bramlet Jones "Tink")
Etter Carter	Ella Carter	Carter
LE (Littleton "Lit") Carter	Frances Carter	DA (Andrew "Tink") Carter
Roxann Carter	Mollie Carter	JW (John Wesley) Carter
MM (Moses "Mode")	JE (Joseph "Joe") Layell	Rose Ann Carter (Mrs. BJ)
CL (Luther "Luke") Luffman	SE (Etta) Layell	Alice Luffman
Sarah A. (Sallie Ann)	CW (Caleb Winfrey "Cale")	JW (William "Bill") Martin
Luffman	Luffman	
CJ (Charity Jane) McCann	Jane Martin	

## Joined "by experience":

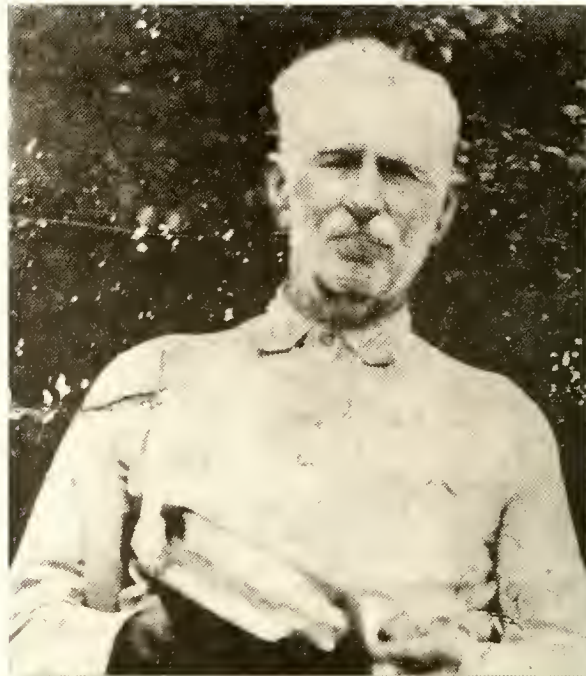
CM (Charlie) Carter	Hillery Carter
Lillie Carter	Rose Darnell
Flossie Hodges	Cindy Layell
Sophia Layell	TL (Thomas) Layell
Arvil Murray	Betty M West

Research shows that the last of the original charter members, John Carter, died in 1969. Thanks to family and church members, the Centennial Committee was able to gather the next several pages of pictures of the charter members.

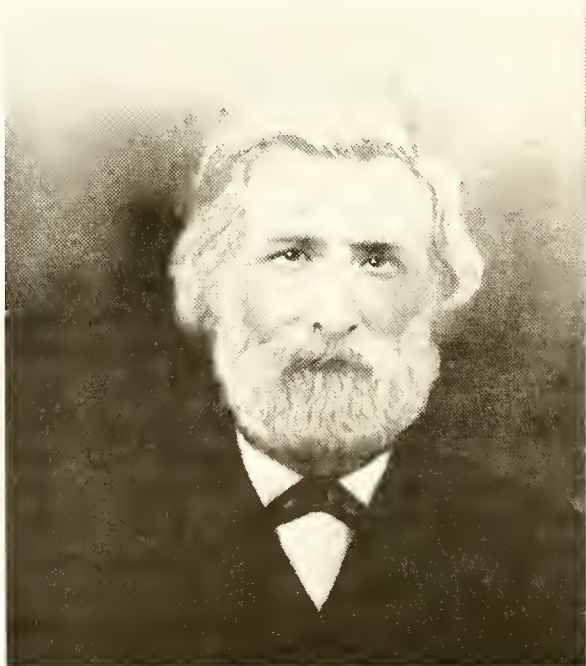
Ephesians 5:30: For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones.



HILLERY CARTER  
Charter Member  
Building Committee



L.E. (LITTLETON "LIT") CARTER  
Charter Member



CALEB LUFFMAN  
Charter Member  
Deacon



SARAH HARRIS LUFFMAN  
Charter Member





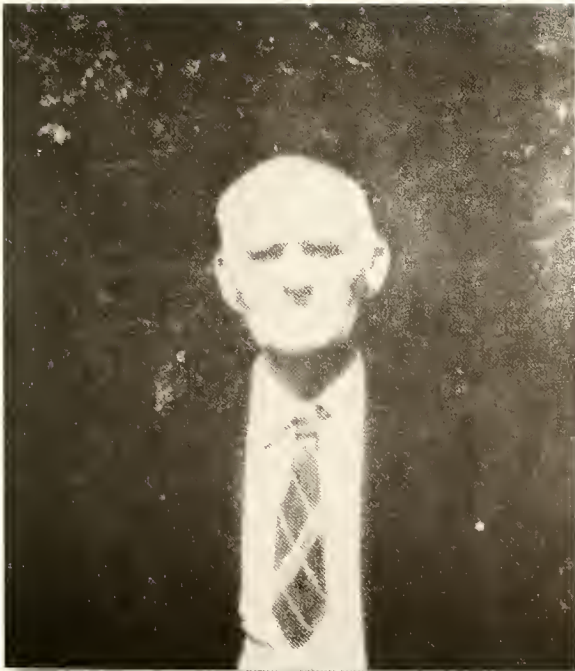
DAVID F. McCANN

Charter Member  
Church Clerk, Building Committee  
Deacon, S.S. Superintendent



C.J. (CHARITY JANE) McCANN

Charter Member



M.M. (MODE) LAYELL

Charter Member  
Building Committee



ETTA LAYELL

Charter Member





LILLIE CARTER (LANE)  
Charter Member  
S.S. Superintendent 1918-1921



C.M. (CHARLIE) CARTER  
Charter Member  
Building Committee



J.E. (JOSEPH "JOE") LAYELL  
Charter Member



IDA LAYELL  
Charter Member





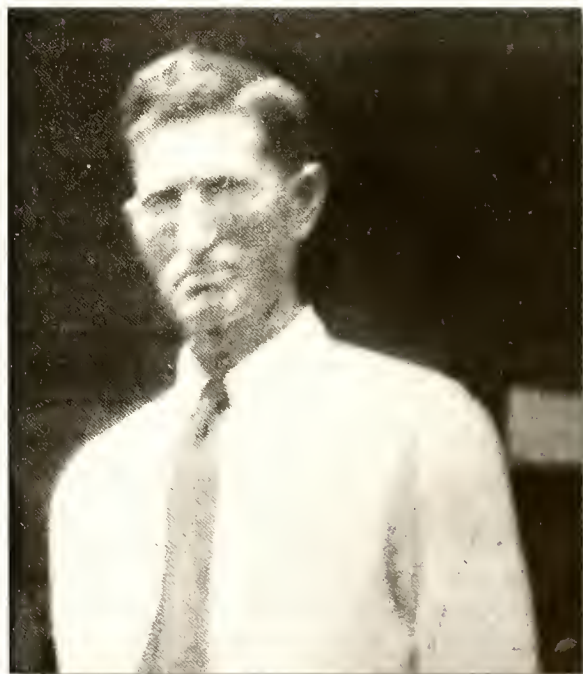
C.L. (LUTHER "LUKE") LUFFMAN  
Charter Member



ALICE LUFFMAN  
Charter Member



ED CARTER, SR.  
Charter Member



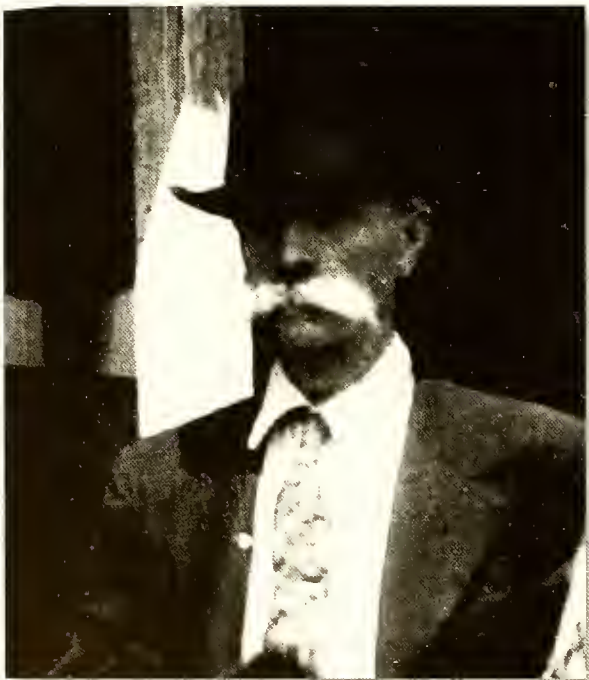
JOHN WESLEY CARTER  
Charter Member



SOPHIA LAYELL  
Charter Member



CINDY LAYELL  
Charter Member

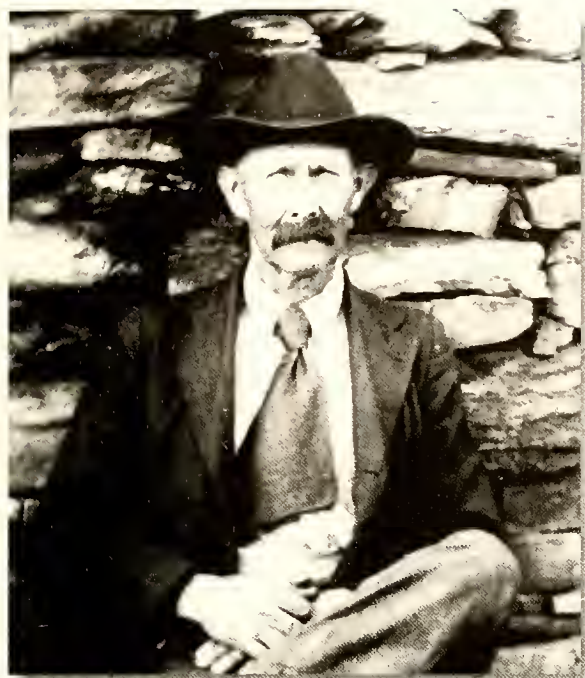


D.A. (ANDREW "TINK") CARTER  
Charter Member



ETTER CARTER  
Charter Member

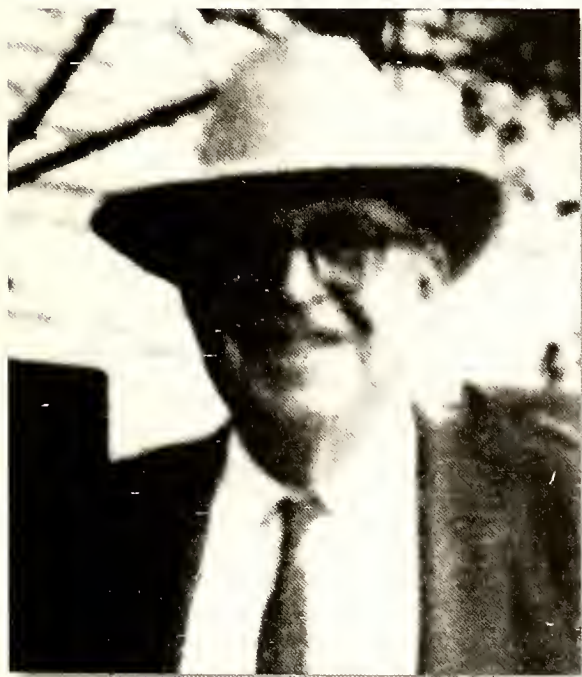




BRAMLET JONES CARTER  
Charter Member  
Deacon, Building Committee



ROSE ANN CARTER  
Charter Member



ARVIL MURRAY  
Charter Member



WILLIAM "BILL" MARTIN  
Charter Member

# Pastors

II Timothy 4:2: Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

A chronological and pictorial listing of all pastors of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church follows. Pastors were bi-vocational until 1962. The church voted on March 11, 1962 to elect a full-time pastor. Serving on the Pulpit Committee were Ralph Collins, Wiley Darnell, Wilsie Draughn, Alene Luffman, and Burr Hutchison. On September 30 the church voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the committee to elect the Rev. Homer F. Greene of Boone who assumed the duties of the pastorate December 1, 1962.

"The Pastor shall have in charge the welfare and oversight of the church; he shall be ex-officio member of all organizations, departments and committees; he may call a special meeting of the Deacons or of any committees, departments, or organization(s) according to procedures which are set forth in this constitution; he shall conduct religious services on regular and special occasions, administer the ordinances, minister to the spiritual needs of the community and the members of the church, and shall have special charge of the pulpit ministry of the church, and shall be given reasonable and adequate time in the preparation for the pulpit ministry. He shall in cooperation with the Deacons, provide for pulpit supply when he is absent, and shall arrange for ministers to assist in revival meetings and in special services required by the church (i.e., licensing and ordaining of Ministers). It shall be his duty to render an effective preaching, teaching, and pastoral ministry through prayer, study and further training when deemed wise and advisable. He shall serve as messenger of the church to all associational, Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention sessions."

Source: The Constitution and By-Laws of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, September 14, 1988.  
For further details, see complete copy in back of book.

L. B. Murray .....	Oct. 19, 1907 – 1914	Homer F. Greene .....	Sept. 30, 1962 – 1972
W. W. Myers.....	Aug. 29, 1914 - 1916	Walter Turner, Int.	
L. B. Murray.....	Oct. 21, 1916 – 1921	George B. Hyler.....	June 1972 – Oct 1976
J. W. Bryant.....	Aug. 27, 1921 – 1923	C. Glenn Byrd.....	April 3, 1977 - 1993
C. F. Fields .....	Feb. 10, 1923 – 1928	Paul Shoupe, Int.	
Richard Day .....	Nov. 2, 1928 -1934	Jeff Vogler .....	Jan. 1994– July 1999
J. T. Murray .....	Sept. 8, 1934 – 1939	Vernon Ball, Interim ....	Aug. 1999 - Feb 2000
Frank Peeler .....	Sept. 24, 1939 -1943	Steve Pegram.....	Feb 13–Nov 15 2000
S. L. Blevins.....	Sept. 12, 1943 -1950	Vernon Ball, Interim .....	Oct 2000 - Nov 2001
Woodrow Wishon .....	Oct. 8, 1950 - 1951	Daniel Merritt .....	Nov 18, 2001- present
J. L. Powers.....	Jan. 6, 1952 - 1962		

Pictures (8 x 10) of pastors were reframed in June, 2007 by Agnes Carter Smith who donated her work and materials as a gift for the 100th anniversary celebration. After display for the 100th celebration on October 21, 2007, pictures were hung permanently in the church as a part of its history.

**Romans 10:15: And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!**





L.B. MURRAY

October 19, 1907 - 1914



W.W. MYERS

August 29, 1914 - 1916



L.B. MURRAY

October 21, 1916 - 1921



J.W. BRYANT

August 27, 1921 - 1923



C.F. FIELDS

February 10, 1923 - 1928



RICHARD DAY

November 2, 1928 - 1934



J.T. MURRAY

September 8, 1934 - 1939



FRANK PEELER

September 24, 1939 - 1943





S.L. BLEVINS

September 12, 1943 - 1950



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October 8, 1950 - 1951



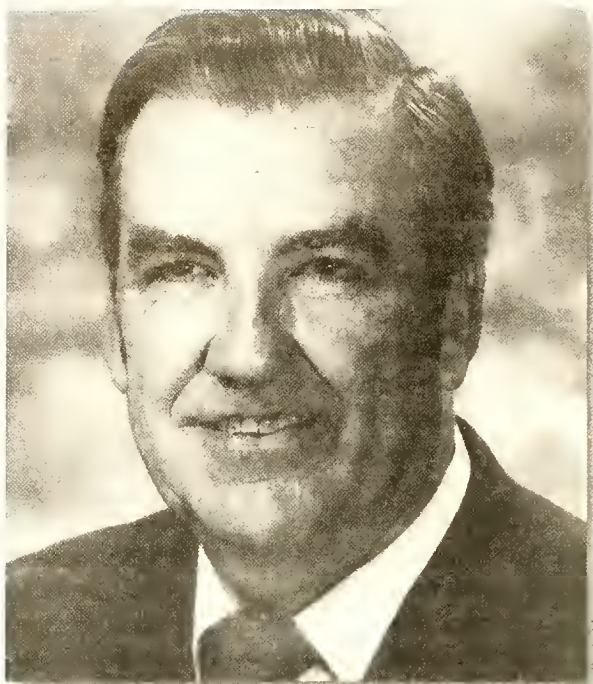
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January 6, 1952 - 1962



HOMER E. GREENE

September 30, 1962 - 1972



GEORGE B. HYLER

1972 - 1976



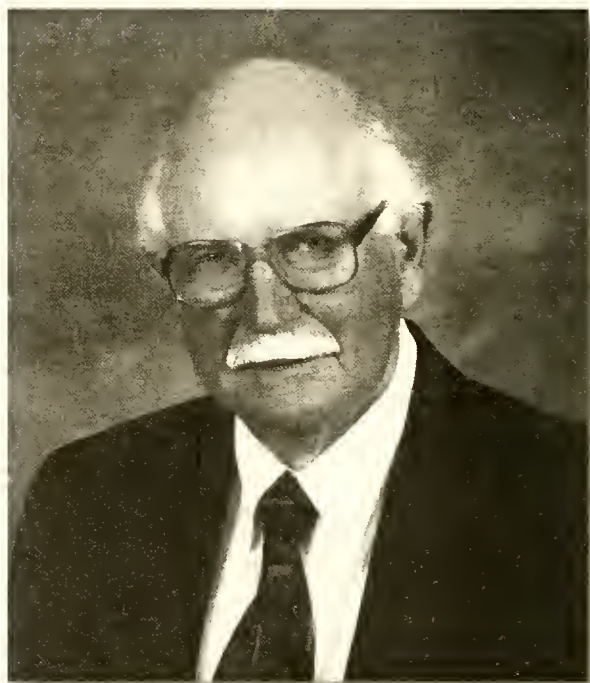
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JEFF VOGLER

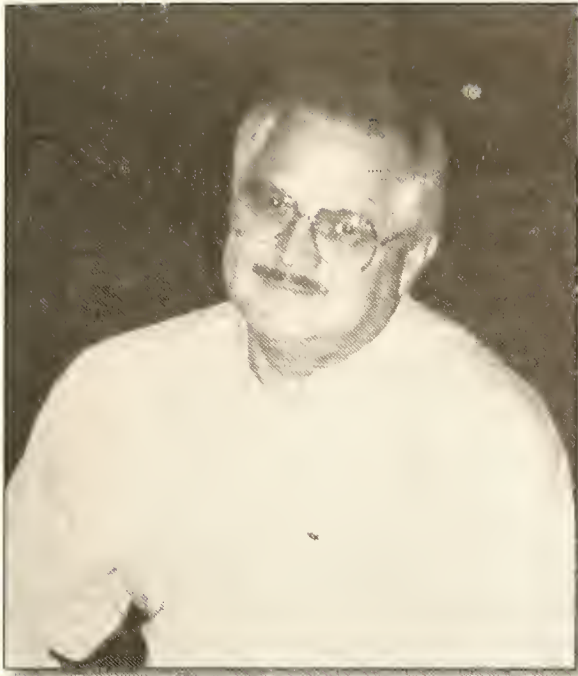
January 1994 - August 1999



VERNON BALL, Interim

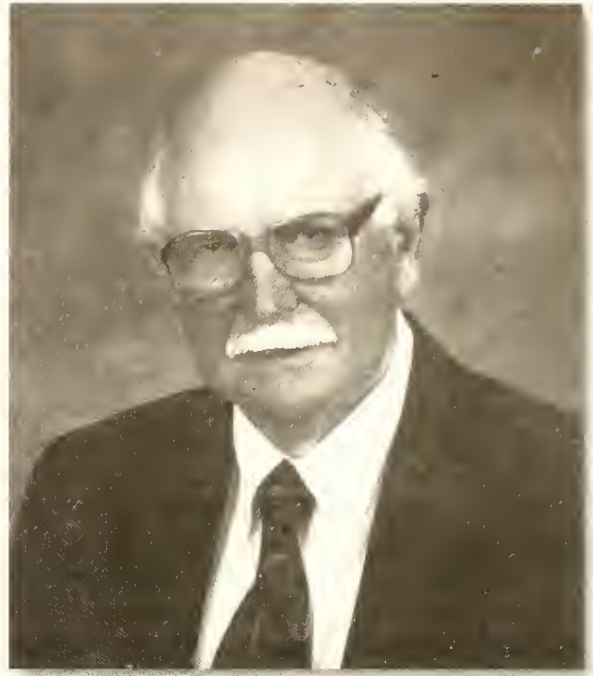
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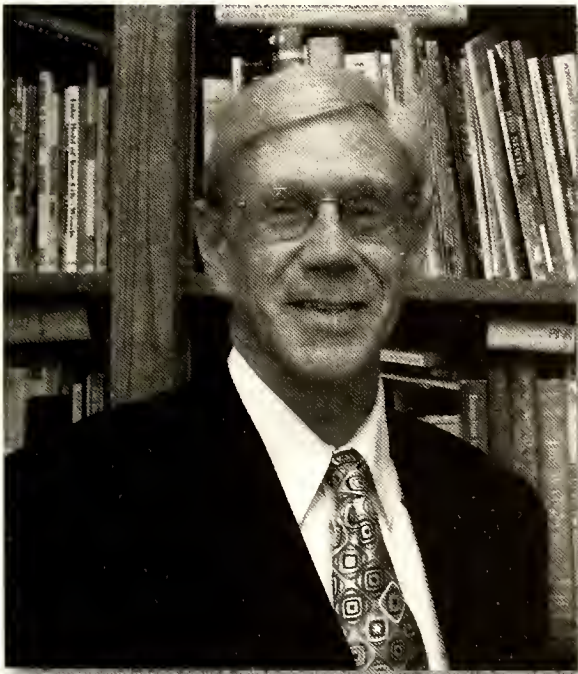
STEVE PEGRAM

February 13, 2000 - October 2000



VERNON BALL, Interim

October 2000 - November 2001



DANIEL MERRITT

November 12, 2001 - Present



# *Called to Preach*

II Timothy 4:2, 5: Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of seasons; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. ...But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of they ministry.

The first mention of someone being ordained to the ministry is recorded on August 29, 1918. The minutes read, "On August 29, 1918 the church received a letter from the Second Baptist Church of Mt. Airy to ordain brother Lee Burrus for the ministry. On motion, the church received him for ordination; August 31 ordained him."

A function of the church is to license/ordain those who feel the call of God to the gospel ministry (See church constitution, Article VII in back of book). According to church records, names listed in this section were members of Pleasant Ridge at that time, were licensed and/or ordained for the ministry.

**1967 Winfrey Caudill**

**1977 Phillip S. Carter**

**1983 Larry Dean Gentry**

**1983 John I. Norman, Jr.**

**1999 Larry Trivette**

**2001 Jerry Sparks**

The following pages contain information as requested and received from those named above. Additionally, since Jeremy Absher and Ricky Tucker grew up in Pleasant Ridge, but were ordained in other churches, information was also requested from them.

**Romans 10:15: And how can they preach except they be sent?  
As is it written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach  
the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!**



## WINFREY CAUDILL

Baptized August 12, 1945.

Married August 4, 1956 and moved church letter to Island Ford Baptist Church in October 1956.

Started teaching Sunday School in late 1957 at Island Ford Baptist Church.

Ordained as a deacon by Island Ford Baptist Church approximately 1959.

Moved back to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church on August 22, 1965 and was received into the church as an active deacon and served in that position until stepping down in July or August 2001.

Started teaching Sunday School at Pleasant Ridge in 1967 and have been teaching since that time (approximately 48-50 years).

Licensed to the Ministry June 27, 1967.

"Pleasant Ridge has always been the cornerstone of the community, the hub around which most activities revolve. It has been faithful in the goal to reach out to others in the community and around the world.

Are we perfect? No. Have we had our trials and temptations? Yes. But, in every circumstance the church has emerged stronger and moved forward, a more unified body of believers. Above all, it is a place in which God has given me an opportunity to worship and serve with a body of faithful believers whom I love and appreciate. Happy 100th Pleasant Ridge."



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## RICKY TUCKER

Graduated - Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute

Ordained by Open Door Baptist Church, Morehead City

Currently Chaplain and Executive Housekeeper at Southeastern Regional Medical Center

Ricky Tucker was the speaker for Baptist Men's Day January 25, 1981



## PHILLIP S. CARTER

I was ordained to the ministry on November 13, 1977 in response to the request of Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of their call to be a pastor. During this period I began attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church's financial assistance during seminary was very affirming and extremely helpful. I left Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church to accept the call to be a Correctional Chaplain Intern sponsored by the North Carolina State Convention. The internship was at the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women, Raleigh. In December of 1979 my studies were completed at SEBTS and I was awarded a Masters in Divinities with Languages. In the same month, I accepted a position of Director of Chaplaincy at NCCCW where I served until July of

1989. On March 23, 1980 I was endorsed as a missionary by the SBC Home Mission Board. While at NCCCW, I spent more than four years studying at Duke University Medical Center and The School of Divinity. My studies included an intern and residency year in pastoral care and counseling. Also, for 2.5 years I was a Supervisory Fellow and trained interns at Duke and NCCCW. While there I helped establish an accredited program in Clinical Pastoral Education.

In 1989, I was called to Alamance Regional Medical Center to establish an accredited clinical pastoral education program. During this period, I received a Ph.D. from Mellon University for the work and theoretical work done in establishing three Clinical Pastoral Education Programs; NCCIW, High Point Regional Hospital and Alamance Regional. I remained at Alamance until December 1993, when I returned to Elkin. I went to work with Crossroads as a psychotherapist and later as the Clinic Director.

In December 1995, I went to work at Hope Valley, Inc. in Dobson, NC. It is a 28-day residential program for the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction. While there I became a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist.

In the fall of 2000, I opened a private counseling practice which I named The Carter Center for Counseling and Personal Growth in honor of my parents, Ed A. and Nell S. Carter. In addition to private practice I do consulting. I sought certification as a clinical supervisor which was granted in 2006. For the past year, I have assisted at Hope Valley, where I serve as the Certified Clinical Supervisor.

Much of my ministry over the years has been with hurting people and the training of persons to work with these people in ministry. My ministry today focuses on working with individuals and groups who struggle emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. I am convinced that God is with those who suffer and God's Grace is sufficient. Spirituality lies at the core of my ministry. It is in a relationship with God and God's children that we find meaning and purpose. I see myself as a fellow pilgrim who is willing to walk with persons even in times of suffering.

I am married to Linda Gillespie Carter and we live at 1388 Union Hill Road in Thurmond, NC. My practice is at 974 Pleasant Ridge Road. We are members of the First Baptist Church of Elkin where I teach Sunday School and participate in other educational activities. Linda is involved with the WMU both at Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church and at First Baptist.



Phillip S. Carter, continued -

As I reflect on what Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church has meant and still means to me, the best place to start is at the beginning. Some of my earliest childhood memories involve Pleasant Ridge. I recall my head resting in my mother's lap during one of Rev. Powers' sermons or feel a cool evening breeze blowing through the windows during a summer revival. Summer brought the excitement of Vacation Bible School with times of learning and fellowship. I felt safe and secure there and had a sense of belonging. I was introduced to Christ by my parents and Granny, Myrtle Carter. We were in church whenever the doors were open. Activities included Sunday School, Worship, Choir, and Wednesday night Bible Study, Training Union, and Sunday evening services. Church was central to our lives. Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church was not a building, it was people and relationships. People loved and cared for one another. The most important things that I learned at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church were that God is love and we are called to love one another.

The people at Pleasant Ridge loved, taught and nurtured me in the faith. At age nine I accepted Christ during a revival lead by Dr. Ford of First Baptist Church and I was baptized in some of the coldest water in the world. Still I rose from the water knowing life was different. I began to experience the conviction that God had something specific for me to do by the age of twelve. Like many I struggled. Training Union was one of the best programs I was involved in because it prepared people for service. If I tried to mention all of the people who touched my life, there would never be enough room. I would rather say that every teacher, in Sunday School, Training Union, Bible School, or Boy Scouts had a profound influence on me. Every pastor had a special place in my heart and helped mold me. From their example my conviction for service grew. I simply cannot adequately express with words what I want to say.

One of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church's greatest gifts has been love and support. When I made public my call to preach, the church was quick to respond. Then when ordination was requested by Union Hill Missionary Baptist, again Pleasant Ridge responded. While in seminary with a wife and child, the church provided a scholarship monthly which helped make my seminary education possible. The people invested in me. While I have been far from perfect, I have strived to be of maximum service to the children of God and therefore to God. Since my ordination 30 years ago. I have been blessed to serve God in a variety of places. These places have included churches, prisons, hospitals, teaching, being a psychotherapist and substance abuse counselor. In all of these I have had the opportunity to share the love of God which the people of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church showed me.

May God continue to bless you and your ministry.



JOHN I. NORMAN, JR.

### **Pleasant Ridge on My Mind**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

The words of the song *Georgia on my Mind*, made popular by Ray Charles, stand as a testimony to the importance of place in people's lives. We cannot break the bonds of space and time and live apart from the earthliness of our existence. And whether those places bring fondness of memory or anxiety of heart, we cannot cut ourselves off from them. These places and people and experiences are a part of who we are and what we are.

That is why the words of the Apostle Paul written to the Christians at Philippi illicit a special place in my heart as I remember Pleasant Ridge. The red earth and the green pastures of that place nourished the curiosity of a young boy intent on discovering the world. The rhythms of farm life and family life and church life serenaded my soul, and in these rhythms I found myself growing physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

To have Pleasant Ridge on my mind for me means not only recalling meetings at the scout hut, softball games at the Ruritan Club, and learning to drive on its roads. It also means the people who make up the body of Christ known as Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. The people who watched me grow, nourished my faith, and loved me unconditionally.

I remember the Sunday School lessons taught to me by Margaret Caudill, and the beautiful inspiring prayers of Winfrey Luffman. I remember the funerals of friends and family members, and the sound of the congregation singing *Amazing Grace* as they honored my father at his death. I remember sharing with the congregation my profession of faith, my baptism, and my calling into the ministry. I remember attending church while home from seminary with Rev. Glenn Byrd inviting the congregation to stuff my pockets with cash as I stood with him as folks exited. I remember all these things. Today, Pleasant Ridge is on my mind.

And so it is to you, all the members of the church, I offer my tribute. And it is for you I thank God every time your memory comes to mind. May God richly bless you on this special day of celebration. And may God guide you in the days to come.

Grace and Peace,  
Johnny

### **Bio for John Isaac Norman, Jr.**

**Licensed:** 1983 by Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, State Road, NC  
**Ordained:** 1993 by Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, State Road, NC  
**Education:** Master of Theology - May 1998, Duke University, Durham, NC  
Master of Divinity - Dec. 1992, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY  
Bachelor of Arts - May 1989, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC  
Additional Study - 2001-2004, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ  
**Currently:** Pastor - 1997-Present, First Baptist Church, Four Oaks, NC  
Adjunct Professor of Religion, Johnston Community College, Smithfield, NC



## LARRY TRIVETTE

I would like to thank so many of the families at Pleasant Ridge for the encouragement and support they have given me over the years. Pleasant Ridge is a close church family, and we miss them very much. I hope we can work together again in the future. I still enjoy the cards and calls from many of our friends at Pleasant Ridge. We would love to have some visits, we're just across the road!

In His Service,

Larry, Kay, and Faith Trivette

### **Biography:**

Ordained at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in 1999.

Received an Associates in Biblical Studies Degree from Vintage Bible College & Seminary, Winston-Salem, NC in 2007.

Currently working on a Bachelor of Christian Education Degree at Vintage.

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|-----------|---|
| 1991-1997 | Part-Time Youth Director - Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, State Road, NC                                |
| 1993-1997 | Part-Time Music Director - Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, State Road, NC                                |
| 1998-1999 | Full-Time Associate Pastor - Music, Youth, and Education - Harpers Ferry Baptist Church in Pembroke, NC |
| 1999-2001 | Full-Time Associate Pastor - Youth and Outreach - Baptist Home Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro, NC   |
| 2004-2005 | Part-Time Music Director - Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, State Road, NC                                |
| 2005-2006 | Full-Time Associate Pastor - Youth and Education - Antioch Baptist Church in Mount Airy, NC             |

Currently employed at Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge, & Rice law firm, attending Vintage Bible College and doing Pastor supply and workshops for area churches.

Resides in State Road with wife Kay and daughter Faith.





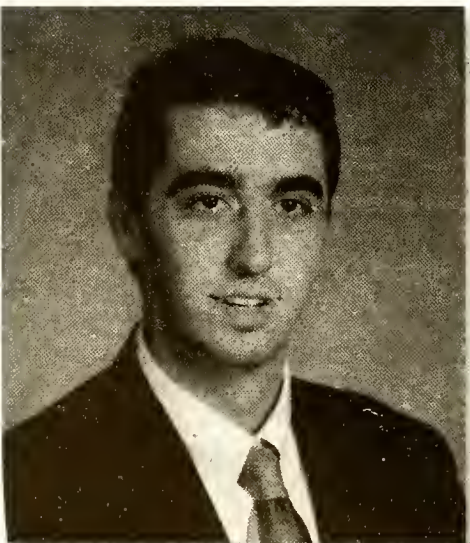
## JERRY SPARKS

It all started with my desire to play softball. Isn't it always amazing the way that God can use simple routines and circumstances to bring a lost sheep into His fold?

Former pastor, Jeff Vogler asked me to play church softball. I was a sinner and lived as a sinner. Unknown to me, God had other plans for my life. God used the loving wonderful people at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church to reach out to me and show me the eternal life and kingdom that could be mine.

On August 28, 1994, the church stood to sing the invocation. That Sunday morning, I felt the Lord talking to me. I tried to ignore His voice and I tried to reason with God, but He knew the plans He had for me. On the last verse of Just As I Am, I took a step into the aisle to accept His grace and forgiveness, and accept the place in Heaven that God offered a sinner such as me. What a commitment was made that day as I walked toward God's altar. I committed my heart and my life to place in God's hands to use me as He chose. The church committed to stand behind me and pray for me daily. There is no doubt that that is exactly what they have done. I had the wonderful opportunity to minister to the Youth at PRBC for five years, and to help the youth do a traveling ministry, Crossfire Youth. God truly blessed that Ministry and many lives were touched.

I was licensed to preach on July 22, 2001 and ordained in a service at Pleasant Ridge on October 20, 2001. In September 2006, God called my family to minister at another church. However, in my heart, PRBC will always be my home and my prayers are always with each and every one of you. May God richly bless you each and every one.



## JEREMY ABSHER

Jeremy Absher, son of Jerry and Ann Collins Absher, grandson of Nonnie Adams Collins and the late Russell Collins, and great-grandson of the late Loten and Dossie Darnell Adams, grew up at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. He was called to preach in 1995 and was licensed by Pleasant Home Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, in August 1998.

In February 1997, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church voted to hire Jeremy as a summer youth director. Jeremy graduated from Gardner-Webb University with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion in 1998 and a Master of Divinity in 2002. He served as Minister of Education at First United Methodist Church in North Wilkesboro,

NC from 2001 to 2006. He is currently pursuing course work to prepare for a Doctorate Degree.

# Deacons

**1 Timothy 3:8-10: Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.**

When Pleasant Ridge was first organized, three deacons were named: Miles Blackburn, B.J. Carter, and C.W. Luffman. They served from October 1907 until April of 1911 when L.H. Carter and D.F. McCann were added. Today, nine (9) men serve on the Board of Deacons.

Duties of the deacons are included in the Church Constitution, Article VI, Section B. An amendment was added in 2006 changing the way deacons are selected (See last page of the constitution near back of this book). Presently, a monthly breakfast meeting is held by deacons with the pastor on the first Sunday of each month and at 9:30 other Sunday mornings.

Records show that the following men were ordained or received as deacons:

October 19, 1907 .....	Miles Blackburn B.J. Carter C.W. Luffman	December 17, 1972 ...	Ed Carter, Jr. Fred Carter John Norman Richard Thompson
April 22, 1911 .....	L.H. Carter D.F. McCann	February 12, 1986.....	Hilary Alex Carter
Approx. 1915 .....	J. Henry Carter Will Carter	July 13, 1986 .....	Harvey Settle
April 23, 1921 .....	Bryan Carter J.A. Layell	August 16, 1987.....	Clyde Hayes, by letter
June 22, 1930 .....	Walter Carter Winfrey Luffman	August 16, 1990.....	Joe Cooke Tommy Liles
October 22, 1933 .....	Clay Burchette Bramlet Carter	March 1996 .....	Jimmy Caudle
May 24, 1940.....	D.N. Martin, by letter	January 19, 1997 .....	Todd Garner Steve Martin Roger Wooten
March 2, 1952.....	Ralph Collins Thomas Lee Davis Burr Hutchison	May 31, 1998.....	Charlie Sealey
August 22, 1965.....	Winfrey Caudill, by letter	October 1, 2000 .....	Edward Darnell Jeff Walsh
January 19, 1969 .....	Sam Spicer, by letter	July 8, 2001.....	Dickie Luffman Teddy Norman
April 5, 1970.....	Tom N. Davis, by letter	April 14, 2002 .....	Chris Reeves
		March 15, 2006.....	Eddie Settle





**Original Deacon's Bench**—(Used 1907-1952) Refinished and donated to church by Billy Carter.



**1953** - Winfrey Luffman, Rev. J.L. Powers, Burr Hutchison,  
Thomas Lee Davis, Bramlet Carter, and Bryan Carter





**Deacons 1970** - L to R: Bryan Carter, Burr Hutchison, Ralph Collins, Sam Spicer, Tom Davis, Bramlet Carter, Rev. Homer Greene, Thomas Lee Davis, Not pictured: Winfrey Luffman



**Deacons 1976** - Back row: Thomas Lee Davis, Sam Spicer, Fred Carter, Burr Hutchison, Winfrey Luffman, Bramlet Carter, Front row: Tom Davis, Richard Thompson, E.A. (Junior) Carter, Bryan Carter, and Ralph Collins





**Deacons 1986**—Left to right: Tommy Liles, Joe Cooke, Winfrey Caudill, E.A. (Junior) Carter, Richard Thompson, Harvey Settle, Hilary Alex Carter, Tom Davis



**Current Board 2007**

Roger Wooten, Dickie Luffman, Chris Reeves, Eddie Settle, Ed Darnell, Jeff Walsh, Todd Garner, Jimmy Caudle. Inset: Teddy Norman

### Inactive Deacons - August 2007



L to R: Winfrey Caudill, Tom Davis, Steve Martin, Richard Thompson, Tommy Liles, Hilary Alex Carter, Fred Carter. Not pictured: Joe Cooke, Charlie Sealey.



# Ordinances of Church

## Baptism / Lord's Supper

**Romans 6:4 – We were therefore buried with him through baptism.**

**Luke 22:19 – Do this in remembrance of me.**

A primary goal of Pleasant Ridge has been to lift up the name of Christ so others can be drawn to Him. Jesus has set the example, and members strive to be like him. The church constitution states: "It shall be the responsibility of members to pattern their lives after the teachings of Christ, to attend regularly the services of the church, to give regularly to its support and to Kingdom causes, to share in its organized work, and to assume the mutual obligations set forth in the church covenant." (See back of book for covenant.)

**Baptism and the Lord's Supper** are two ordinances always observed by the church. Usually held quarterly, Deacons' wives compose the committee who prepare for the Lord's Supper or Communion, another term for the observance.

David McCann, a charter member, used the recipe below to make the wine that was used for the communion service. This recipe was given by Ann Harris Chrisley, a granddaughter of David and Charity Jane McCann.

### Communion "Wine" Recipe (1780)

1 gallon of grapes (not washed)

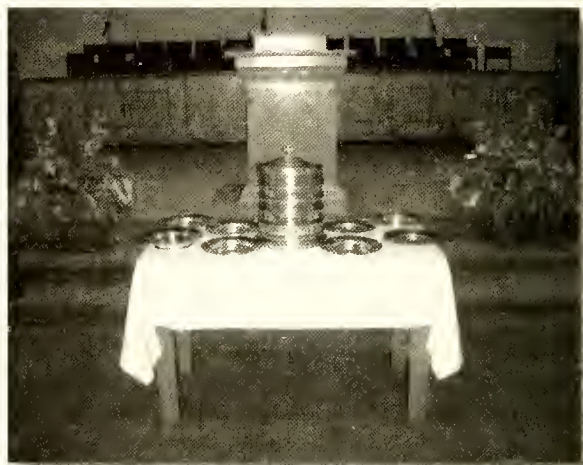
3 quarts of water

5 pounds of sugar

Mix and let stand for 12 days

Let stand in jar

Strain good



Only one glass was used during the communion service. The glass of wine was passed from person to person, each drinking from the same glass. Charity Jane McCann, wife of David McCann, made the Communion bread to be served with the wine.

In the early 1920's, Tessie Carter, (wife of Bryan Carter, a deacon, and sister of Charity Jane McCann), began making the communion bread. She continued making the bread for about 45 years. It was made the morning it was to be used at the 11 o'clock worship service. The bread was made by mixing plain flour (with no leavening) and water. It was baked on low heat and cut into small uniform squares.

A Baptism Committee of one man and one woman has the duty of assisting the pastor and candidates for baptism in the administration of the ordinance.

Pictures in this section will show how the observances have changed over the years, but the purpose is still the same.



Floyd Carlton Baptism Circa 1930's  
(left to right: Rev. L.B. Murray, Floyd,  
Bramlet Carter)



Sue Tucker Blackburn Baptism 1952  
Big Elkin Creek on Preacher Field Road  
(left to right: Bramlet Carter, Sue,  
Rev. J.L. Powers)



Tom Walsh Baptism 1950's Big Elkin Creek on Preacher Field Road  
(left to right: Bramlet Carter, Tom, Rev. J.L. Powers)





Baptism 1959 at the Pettyjohn Place in the Long Branch Creek



Linda Carol Luffman Ross Baptism 1959 at the Pettyjohn Place on the Long Branch Creek  
(left to right: Linda, Rev. J. L. Powers)



Terry Tucker Baptism 1964 at the Pettyjohn Place on the Long Branch Creek  
(left to right: Terry, Rev. J. L. Powers)





Tony Luffman Baptism 1960's  
(left to right: Burr Hutchison, Tony,  
Rev. Homer Greene)



Joey Luffman Baptism 1960's  
(left to right: Burr Hutchison, Joey,  
Rev. Homer Greene)



Baptism 1966  
Pettyjohn Place in the Long Branch Creek



Baptism 1966 Pettyjohn Place in the Long Branch Creek  
 (front row left to right: Rev. Homer Greene, Billy Carter, Larry Collins, Mickie Martin,  
 back row left to right: Charles Martin, Larry Martin, Gary Martin)



Baptism 1966 Pettyjohn Place in the Long Branch Creek  
 (left to right: Burr Hutchison, Billy Carter, Rev. Homer Greene)





Patricia Luffman Darnell Baptism 1960's  
(left to right: Winfrey Caudill, Patricia,  
Rev. Homer Greene)



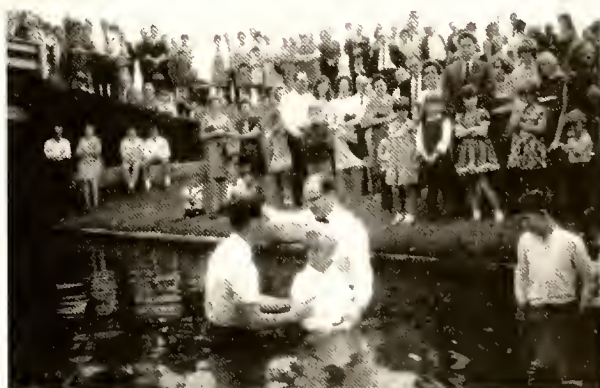
David Luffman Baptism 1960's  
(left to right: Winfrey Caudill, David,  
Rev. Homer Greene)



Bill Luffman Baptism 1968  
(left to right: Burr Hutchison, Bill,  
Rev. Homer Greene)



Donald Luffman Baptism 1970  
(left to right: Rev. Homer Greene,  
Donald, Sam Spicer)



Mark Carter Baptism 1968 (left to right Burr Hutchison, Mark, Rev. Homer Greene)





Baptism at New River 2000: Mark Burcham leads in singing (Connie Spicer, widow of Sam, in chair)



Amanda Williams Baptism 2000 at New River (left to right: Amanda and Rev. Steve Pegram)





James Carter Baptism 2000 at New River (Rev. Steve Pegram and James)



Baptism 2000 at New River





Clint Williams Baptism 2001 at New River (left to right: Clint, Rev. Vernon Ball, Interim Pastor)



Abby Reeves Baptism 2007 (Rev. Daniel Merritt, Abby)



# *Church Property*

Matthew 16:18: And upon this rock: I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

## **In The Beginning**



## **God Blesses Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church**



The year was 1907. The farmers and families of the Pleasant Ridge Community wanted a church to worship in and to thank God for His many blessings.

The original members and founders are listed in the History section. Just know that a few brave souls on December 21, 1907 joined a building committee and with the members built the first Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. They worshiped in this church for 40 years. The church building was made of wood and had wooden shingles that in time deteriorated and were replaced by metal.

The picture in the photo section shows the wooden singles. The total value of the church property seven years later was \$700.00.

There were three major buildings for Pleasant Ridge in the 100 year history. The early 1907 wooden church which had additions as they grew, the middle years church of brick, and the final church of today. The present church is a combination of the middle church and a new worship center and auditorium.

Many members were involved in the building of these churches, not only on committees, but in generous giving of their tithes and special offerings to complete "God's House." The History section names Pastors, committee members, and deacons that through the years made this happen. Many of today's members were involved in more than one church building.

In January 1915, the addition of a large bell intended to alert church members of deaths and to remind them of church services was first mentioned. This bell is in the Luffman Memorial Gazebo as pictured in the memorial photos.

During the years the church expanded in the old wooden church by adding classrooms separated by curtains.

In 1947, 40 years after the first church was built, a plan was adopted to finance a new church. A dream became a reality in 1952 when the church elected a building

committee and voted to build a new church which would contain a sanctuary, ten classrooms and two restrooms. The brick church became a reality and the cornerstone was laid in 1952. Final payment was completed in 1956. Dedication was in 1960 when many improvements were completed, including the addition of a well, plumbing for the building, and an expanded parking area.

In 1963, the church voted to build a parsonage. The land was donated and the cost of the home was \$23,000.00.

In 1968, a growing church needed more space so the brick building was renovated. Additional classrooms, an office, a fellowship hall in the basement with a kitchen and nurseries, and a baptismal pool were built. The cost of the expansion was \$68,000.00. In December 1969, the church opened the doors to its new home. The debt was completely paid off in ten years and the note was burned in a proper ceremony in August 1978.

In 1983, the cemetery was put on a self-supporting basis and in 1986 this was completed.

During the years upgrades were made and "God's House" was made more beautiful and more useful.

The church voted to build a new fellowship hall in 1986. To cover the building cost, \$25,000.00 was promised. This was paid off in 1991, in half the time allotted. God's people are so faithful.

In 1997, the expansion urge again took hold of its members and options for growth were discussed. After 10 months, in November 1997, it was voted to expand and grow. In 1999, the final recommendations came in and the current church was born. The cost was \$1,150,363.00, quite a leap of faith, but Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church was up to the challenge. A loan was obtained and construction on the beautiful sanctuary began. In 2001, it was completed and dedicated to the "Glory of God." Once again



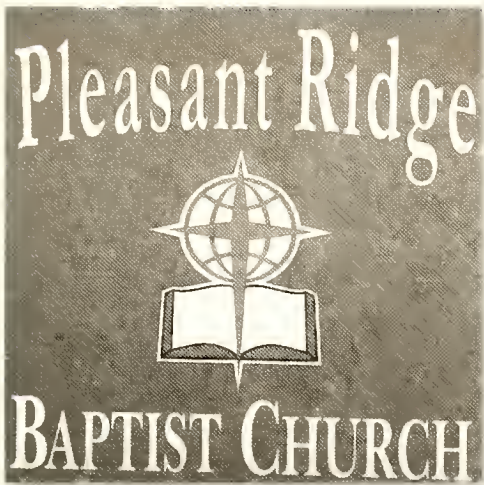
a dream became a reality!

In 2003, the cemetery was enlarged. A gazebo was donated by the Luffman family in 2003 to honor the memory of Caleb and Alice Luffman, two original charter members. Housed in the gazebo is the original bell that hung in the old church. The cross that adorned the original church steeple sits proudly on top of the gazebo.

In 2003, the parsonage was sold and the funds applied to the loan of the new church.

**To God be the Glory!**

Written by: Jim Peterson



*The First Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church*  
Drawn by: Pam Burcham McLean





## REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE

### OCTOBER 25, 1970

The Church in conference on July 28, 1968 voted for the Pastor to appoint a Planning Committee. This committee was constituted with E.A. Carter Jr., Chairman, H.A. Carter and Mrs Raydell Carter. The committee immediately began work on their assignment and for 26 months has given themselves to see this eventful hour come to pass.

We held our first meeting with Tierney Construction Co. Of Winston-Salem in August of 1968. Since then we have held over 12 scheduled meetings with the Contractor and have driven some 1600 miles in connection with our work. We have held 41 meetings of the Committee in planning, building, and supervising the construction work.

One member of the committee was on the job every day for the purpose of inspection and supervision. We feel that we have conscientiously protected the interest, concerns, and desires of each member of the Church. We have endeavored to use wisely and discreetly every dime of your money in carrying out your wishes.

It would be impossible to describe the long hours, consternations, and the anxieties of the many "behind - the - scene" "in- depth" studies given to the overall work and final completion of our new building with all its facilities.

You will be interested to know that the Committee used only approximately \$68,000.00 of the originally authorized \$74,000.00 loan for the total contract price of \$74,865.00. Thus \$6,000.00 was never borrowed for the additional work.

We had 10 classrooms in the existing building with a total of 4,928 square feet of floor space. We added 17 classrooms, fellowship hall, Pastor's study, Church Office, kitchen and 2 nurseries with 1 bath. We now have 27 classrooms with 11,008 square feet of floor space.

The total church plant is equipped with new heating and air-conditioning systems throughout.

There is also a canopy at the rear of the building to be used in undesirable weather for the comfort and convenience of our people.

We have spent over 500 hours of actual work in connection with our total project.

We express profound gratitude to you for the unique trust and confidence conferred upon us in carrying out to the very best of our ability, that which will for years to come, be a memorial to your faith and forward vision in moving to meet the needs of our present, and as yet unborn generation.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you each one, personally, for your patience, consideration and Christian understanding.

May God's blessings be upon us all as we march forward into the unknown future, and down the untrodden pathways with His promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end" (Matthew 28:20).

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE  
Ed. A Carter Jr. Chairman  
H.A. Carter  
Mrs. Raydell Carter

Original Report given to the Church in October 1970.





**Members and family of the first church of Pleasant Ridge.**





## First Brick Church

### Community Churches

By W. F. Burgess

No. 2

In the center of this view of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church may be seen about all that remains of the original 1907 building—that is the front steps. In 1952 the 250 members of this rural Baptist Church appointed V. Winfrey Luffman as chairman of their building committee, along with Bramlett Carter and Ernest Caudle. Above is pictured the results.

With a charter membership of only 20 persons this church was founded. One of the charter members still living in the vicinity is Mr. Will Carter.

Subscriptions for this building program were by the present members, and quite a lot was sent in by former members of the church who have long since moved away from Pleasant Ridge and have their memberships elsewhere.

Located about a half-mile west of Klondike Farm, on a paved road, stands this neat and spacious rural religious center, built at a contract price of \$26,000 for the complete job, less the new pews which were bought separately by the church. The 36 x 48 feet auditorium seats approximately the entire membership at one time. It is built of masonry and is plastered inside. There is a full basement and two wings at the rear which

with the basement, include 10 Sunday School rooms and a utility room with hot air furnace for heating the entire structure.

There are approximately 115 attending Sunday School each Sunday. Preaching services, by the pastor, the Rev. J. L. Powers, are held twice monthly—once on Sunday morning and once on Sunday night. Although there are no young peoples or adult training programs in progress at the present time, it is hoped that these programs can soon get underway. The WMU meets twice monthly.

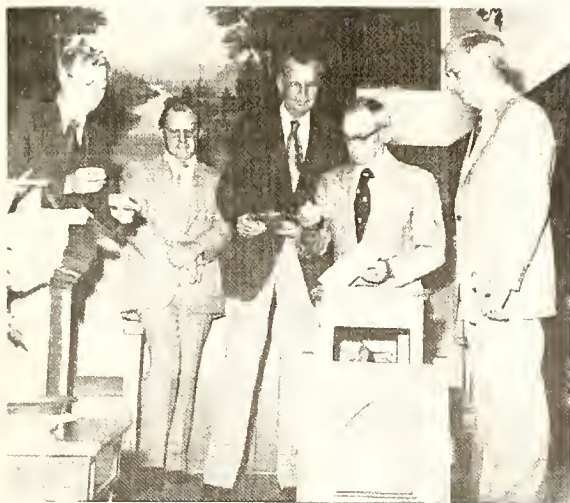
All of the building fund, except 25 per cent of the \$110 per member cost of this splendid church, has already been raised and paid in on the program, which is a sound and progressive condition of any church.

Plans and the actual work were by a local contractor. The building is well lighted. They have a piano for music. Arrangements have been made for toilet facilities as soon as water is available to operate them.

Since the founding of the church by the late Rev. L. B. Murray of the Pleasant Ridge community, the members have gone forward with the work of the church and they are now standing at the threshold of still greater service to the community and its people.







Pastor Glenn Byrd, Rev Homer Greene and trustees, Thomas Lee Davis, Bryan Carter and Burr Hutchison prepare to burn the note, signifying the end of the indebtedness on the church building.



Trustees Thomas Lee Davis, Bryan Carter and Burr Hutchison burn note.



**Note Burning 1978**





**Brick Church**



**Fellowship Hall**  
Built 1986-87



## 2007 Church and Cemetery Memorial



### Special Recognition

We the Building Committee would like to give special recognition to Mr. Donald Wall. Donald's dedication and commitment to being our committee leader was greatly appreciated.

Nothing was left undone, from setting up contractor meetings, to committee meetings, to scheduling permits being ready and so forth. Donald kept us all on our toes.

**Thanks for a job well done!**  
***The Building Committee***



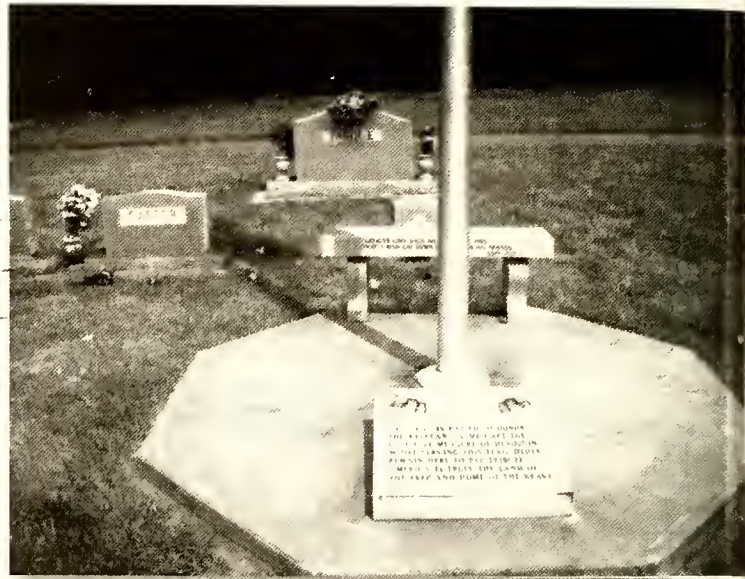
New church sign donated by Willie Baldwin in loving memory of his wife, Hessie Luffman Baldwin.







Travis Golden's Eagle Scout Project



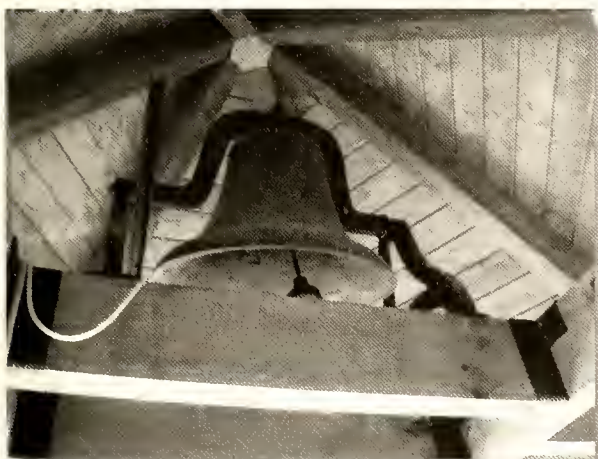
Memorial plaque donated by Church Members in loving memory of Ralph and Opal Collins.



Bench donated by Phil and Billy Carter in loving memory of their parents Ed, Jr. and Nell Carter.



**Gazebo**  
**Honoring Luther and Alice Luffman**  
(Housing first church cross and bell)



# *Missions & Missions Organizations*

**Matthew 28:19-20: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

From the humble beginnings of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church missions was on the minds of our forefathers. The first mention of missions was recorded on December 3, 1916 when an offering of \$4.90 was taken for the orphans. Today the WMU and the Brotherhood have continued the tradition of being involved in missions.

The Woman's Missionary Society (our current day WMU), was organized in February 1939. Odessa Luffman was elected as the first president. The first record of the Woman's Missionary Society was on December 22, 1940. This is when the "W.M.U. gave the pastor (Rev. Frank Peeler) a Friendship Quilt". Under the leadership of WMU Presidents Odessa Luffman, Lois Carter Hutchison, Pat Luffman, Sarah Martin Byrd, Annette Simmons Blackburn, Brenda Ross Wall, and Sharon Smith, the members of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church have and continue to minister to the lost and hurting of the world.

In the 1939 church budget \$7 a month was to be sent to the Orphanage. For the church year 2006-2007 Pleasant Ridge gave a total of \$15,864.24 to missions (World Hunger, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, NC Baptist Children's Home and State Missions).

Over the years the WMU has been leading the church in mission action projects. On several occasions a group of ladies traveled to Sparta to help Cora Nevill sort clothes to be distributed to those in need. In April 2007 the WMU asked all ladies in the church to participate in the project "Hemmed in Prayer". The ladies made little dresses to be sent all over the world for distribution. Over 70 dresses were made. At the age of 83 Ersie Norman made over 33 dresses for this project and continues to make them. Operation Christmas Child is a mission action project that the church has participated in since 2002. This project gives a needy child a gift of love, toys, candy, and Christian material. Over the past five years we have collected over 300 boxes for distribution. The ARK, the local homeless shelter, has been a mission action project. At various times when the ARK was in need we gave much needed supplies. An ongoing mission action project is giving to the Tri-C Ministry. Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church is noted as being the top supporter of Tri-C Ministries. The children learn at an early age to help others who are less fortunate. To show their love and concern for others the GA's make regular trips to the nursing homes to visit the residents.

Along with WMU goes the Brotherhood. A project of the men of the church has been the planting of a potato patch. The potatoes were distributed to the widows of the community. The Brotherhood participated in a Habitat for Humanity "Blitz-Build". The men partnered with other volunteers in the summer of 1999 to build a house on Northwood Drive in Elkin. The WMU group lead by Mary Johnson Norman (now called the Mission Sisters) provided lunch for the 25 workers. The men also made a trip to Kentucky to deliver clothes for Cora Nevill for distribution to those in need.

The WMU/Brotherhood is currently comprised of the following groups: Brotherhood, Mission Sisters, High Spirits, Sisters in Christ, Children on Missions, GA's (Girls in Action), RA's (Royal Ambassadors) and Mission Friends. Over the years our names may have changed but our mission has remained the same. Currently 65 members are enrolled as being part of the WMU organization.



### **Baptist Women I**

The backbone of WMU at Pleasant Ridge was the Baptist Women I. They were the start of WMU at our church. For many in WMU they served as leaders, mentors, and role models. These ladies were always present for the nightly meetings during the Week of Prayer for International Missions and Week of Prayer of North American Missions. If there was a WMU event being held at Pleasant Ridge then you could count on these faithful, mission minded women to be in attendance.



### **Baptist Women I Circa 1992**

(left to right: Grace Haynes, Ila Layell, Odessa Luffman, Mohea Caudill, Opal Collins)

### **Baptist Women II/Mission Sisters**

Over the years as WMU changed so did the Baptist Women II. In the mid-1990's when the mission groups were no longer differentiated by age, this group of ladies changed their name to Mission Sisters. These ladies are ready and willing to lend a hand when called upon to serve. In the summer of 1999 the Mission Sisters provided lunch for 25 volunteers building a Habitat home in Elkin. These ladies definitely live up to their name, "Mission Sisters".



### **Baptist Women II Circa 1992**

(front row left to right: Nell Carter Thompson, Mary Johnson Norman, Mary Lou Byrd  
back row: Geri Thompson, Raydell Carter, Oleene Harris, Alene Luffman)



In 1999 the Baptist Women II provided lunch for the Habitat for Humanity volunteers during a "Blitz-Build". These ladies fed 25 hungry volunteers that day. (left to right: Lorene Johnson Tulbert, Geri Thompson, Nell Carter Thompson, Mary Johnson Norman, Judy Hackney)



#### **Mission Sisters 2007**

Left to right: Mary Johnson Norman, Oleene Harris, Lorene Johnson Tulbert;  
back row left to right: Christine Greene, Alene Luffman  
Not pictured: Geri Thompson



### **Baptist Young Women/Baptist Women III/High Spirits**

On October 30, 1973 the Baptist Young Women were organized. Nell Carter and Mrs. George Hyler met with this group of mission-minded women to begin their journey into WMU. The BYW group was for women between the ages of 17 to 30. Charter members were: Jan Golden, Pat Luffman, Sharon Golden Wooten, Brenda Ross Wall, Joan Collins Burnette, and Debbie Davis Walsh. Over the years as WMU changed so did the BYW's. In the mid-1990's they changed their name to the High Spirits. Some mission action projects they have done include a Christmas Store for residents at Elkin Healthcare to get gifts for loved ones (still continuing today), assisting Cora Nevill in sorting clothes for distribution for those in need, sending Sunshine Baskets to shut-in's in the community, and organizing the "Hemmed in Prayer" project to make dresses for little girls to be shipped across the country. This group started the White Bible Ceremony that is still carried out today by the Sisters in Christ group. This ceremony presents a White Bible to a bride-to-be. These ladies continue to spread their "High Spirits" to those who need their spirits lifted.



#### **Baptist Young Women Circa 1975**

(left to right: Marie Collins Poteat, Terry Collins, Sharon Golden Wooten, Pat Luffman, Jan Golden, Sybil Caudill, Brenda Ross Wall)



#### **Sarah Martin Byrd's White Bible**

**Ceremony 1976**, (left to right: Marie Collins Poteat, Joan Collins Burnette, Sharon Golden Wooten, Brenda Ross Wall, Sarah, Jerry Byrd)



#### **Baptist Women III Circa 1992**

(front row left to right: Sue Tucker Blackburn, Brenda Ross Wall, Sharon Golden Wooten, June Neil, Linda Liles; back row: Pat Luffman, Hilda Norman Hanks, Sharon Golden Wooten, Sue Norman)



### **High Spirits 2007**

(front row left to right: Sharon Smith, Shirley Merritt, Linda Liles, Diane Bowen;  
back row left to right: Sue Norman, Sharon Golden Wooten, Tammy Caudle,  
Pat Luffman, not pictured Wilda Heard)



### **Mission Action Project "Hemmed in Prayer"**

This project was sponsored by the High Spirits. All ladies of the church was invited to help sew dresses to be distributed to little girls in need of clothes.





Ersie Norman with some of her 33+ dresses she has made for the Hemmed in Prayer Mission Action Project.

### **Sisters in Christ**

This group of young ladies is dedicated to missions. They have taken meals to the homeless at The Ark in Elkin, placed goodie baskets in the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital waiting rooms, had Vacation Bible School at Hugh Chatham Nursing Home, and assisted residents at the nursing home in making potted plants, and assists Lifeline Pregnancy Center to name just a few projects. These ladies took over the tradition of the White Bible Ceremony started by the Baptist Young Women in the 1970's. These young mission-minded ladies are truly "Sisters in Christ".



### **Baptist Young Women Circa 1992**

Front row left to right: Molly Johnson, Sandra Martin, Annette Simmons Blackburn, Sarah Martin Byrd, Sharon Smith, Shelia Settle. Back row, left to right: Crissie Collins, Lynn Blackburn, Denise Settle Minton



### **Sisters In Christ 2007**

(front row left to right: Melinda Cockerham, Debbie Garner, Kari Reeves, Amy Brown, Emily Norman, Shelia Settle; back row left to right: Teresa Cook, Amy Norman Spicer, Dana Walker, Lori Collins, Emily Wooten Reece, Melanie Wooten Davis, Amy Wooten Campbell; not pictured: Karen Sealey, Anita Cockerham Darnell, Missy Settle, Tracy Mays, Janet Jordan, Melissa Walker)

### **Acteens**

Acteens is the mission organization for girls in the seventh through the twelfth grades. These girls continued their mission's education that they learned in GA's. Some of the events that these girls were involved in included Trick-or-Treating for Lottie Moon, visiting the nursing homes, volunteering as Guardian Angels at the local nursing home during the summer and participating in associational Acteen events.



### **Acteens Circa 1992**

(seated left to right: Jenny Royal Mastin, Wendy Sidden Riddle, Wendy Byrd Jolly, Susan Hayes Lane; back row left to right: Amy Wooten Campbell-leader, Penny Liles, Amy Norman Spicer, Gala Caudill Cal-loway, Melanie Wooten Davis, Sharon Smith-leader)



### **Girls Auxiliary/Acteen Coronation Services**

The highlight of any GA or Acteen was the coronation service. After many months and years of study and scripture memorization the young ladies were recognized for their hard work. The GA's/Acteens worked to achieve the five levels of achievement by obtaining the status of Maiden, Lady-in-Waiting, Princess, Queen, and Queen-with-a-Scepter. The only young lady to achieve the high honor of Queen-with-a-Scepter at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church was Louise Luffman Darnell on October 22, 1967.



### **An early GA recognition service Circa 1958.**

(left to right bottom row: Gail Darnell Carter, Becky Thompson Flowers, Marie Collins Poteat, Karen Carter Caffey, Joan Collins Burnette; middle row: Louise Luffman Darnell, Ann Luffman Woodruff, Ann Collins Absher, Sharon Golden Wooten, Lynn Carter Whisnant; back row: Jerelene Luffman Darnell, Alene Luffman, Kay Hutchison Carroll, Penny Pardue Simmons)



### **1963 GA Coronation Service**

(left to right: Sandra Smith Williams, Kay Hutchison Carroll, Randy Luffman)



### **1963 GA Coronation Service**

(left to right: Lynn Carter Whisnant, Marie Collins Poteat, Becky Thompson Flowers, Sharon Golden Wooten, Ann Collins Absher)





**G. A. CORONATION**—A Girls Auxillary Coronation Service was held at the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church on Sunday, October 22. Taking part in the service were Terri Collins and Patricia Luffman, maidens; Loretta Layell, Lady-in-Waiting; Karen Carter, Joan Collins and Gail Darnell, Princesses; Lynn Carter, Ann Collins, Marie Collins, Sharon Golden and Becky Thompson, queens; Louise Luffman, Queen-with-a-Scepter. Attendants for each were Kim

Simmons and Mark Carter, Deborah Horne and Buddy Collins, Annette Simmons and Billy Carter, Michelle Burchett, Micky Martin, Sharon Smith, Mike Thompson, Sharon Simmons and Randy Luffman. The church pastor, the Rev. Homer Green gave the charges. G. A. counselors are Mrs. Alex Carter, Mrs. Wiley Darnell, Mrs. Wayne Gilliam, Mrs. Joe Golden and Mrs. Walker Luffman.

G.A. Coronation Service October 22, 1967





### **1967 GA Coronation Service**

(front row left to right: Bill Carter, Annette Simmons Blackburn, Buddy Collins  
back row left to right: Marie Collins Poteat, Ann Collins Absher)

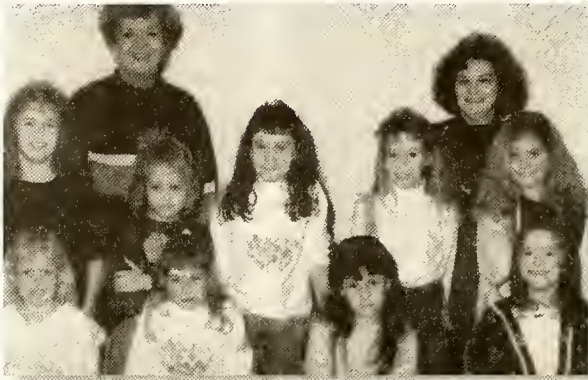


### **Acteen Coronation Service Circa 1980**

(left to right: Pat Luffman, leader, Queen: Sharon Smith, Dana Smith Dixon, Dawn Mooney Jordan, Anita Cockerham Darnell)

### **Girls in Action (GA's)**

GA's is the mission organization for girls in the first through the sixth grades. The GA's learn what missionaries do, pray for the missionaries and their work, learn about people all over the world and have fun with their friends. Once a month the younger GA's visit the local nursing home. They take the residents gifts and spend time talking and singing with them. They sewed a quilt and gave it to a very special resident. They collect items to send to missionaries for the Christmas in August program, and collect items for a shoe box to send to the Operation Christmas project. The girls also decorate bags for the High Spirits to be used for the Christmas Store held at Elkin Healthcare. These young girls are "Girls in Action".



#### **GA's Circa 1992**

(front row left to right: Lauren Johnson, Marley Burton, Terrin Martin, Amber Macemore; second row left to right: Emily Wooten Reece, Missy Settle, Brittany Burton Simmons, Ashley Luffman, Summer LeHardy; back row leaders Sue Norman, Brenda Ross Wall)



#### **GA's 2007**

(front row left to right: Mona Lisa Mullins, Rachel Evans, Cheslea Cockerham, Katelyn Sealey, Caroline Cason, Leah Cockerham, back row left to right: Karen Sealey-leader, Abby Reeves, Emily Jones, Brooke Sealy, Morgan Cockerham, Debbie Garner-leader, Abby Reaves, Emily Jones, Brooke Sealey, Frankie Boyd; not pictured: Aime Flute, Jordan Mays, Valerie Burdette, Elizabeth Poplin)



#### **Older GA's/Children on Mission**

(front row left to right: Samantha Evans, Mandy Wood, Meagan Carter; back row left to right: Whitney Shores, Paula King, Faith)



### **Mission Friends**

Mission Friends is our youngest missions organization. This group of young boys and girls learn about missions at an early age. The foundation of missions that is taught at this age remains with them through the remainder of their lives.



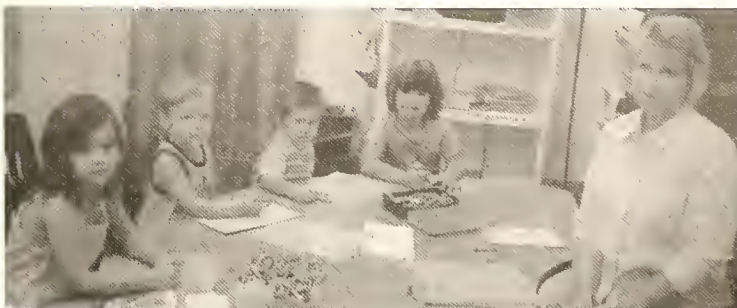
### **Mission Friends Circa 1992**

(front row L to R: Whitney Luffman, Wesley Martin, Samantha Newman, Laura Macemore, T. J. Collins; back row left to right: Judy Hackney-leader, Andrew Holbrook, Logan Minton, Cathy Macemore-leader)



### **Missions Friends Circa 1994**

(front row L to R: Nicole Luffman, Emily Minton, Ashley Carter; middle row left to right: Debbie Garner-leader, Allison Newman, Dana Walker-leader, Jennifer Sparks, Nikyshia Martin; back row L to R: Laura Macemore, Samantha Newman, James Carter, Cameron Vogler)



### **Missions Friends 2007**

(L to R: Leara Riddle, Jake Davis, Ryan Jordan, Olivia Jordan, Shirley Merritt-leader)

### **Baptist Men**

The Baptist Men are comprised of two groups: Royal Ambassadors (RA's) and the Brotherhood. When called upon the Brotherhood is always willing to lend a hand. The RA's is for young boys in grades one through six. What these young boys learn at an early age will carry through adulthood.



### **Baptist Men Circa 1992**

(front row left to right: Rev. Glenn Byrd, Clyde Norman, Richard Thompson, Joe Cooke, E. A. Carter, Jr., Clyde Johnson, Winfrey Caudill, John Sidden; back row left to right: Roger Wooten, Robert Caudle, Tom Liles, Teddy Caudill, Hilary Alex Carter, Sam Spicer)



### **RA's Went Camping Circa 1992**

Steve Martin, Greg Newman, leaders.



### **RA's Circa 1992**

(front row left to right: Chase Martin, Chris Johnson, Dustin Hayes, James Royal; back row: Greg Newman-leader, Chris Macemore, Andrew Holbrook, Tommy Liles, Steve Martin-leader)





### RA's 2007

(front row left to right: Christopher Cason, Nathaniel Riddle, Sam Cason; back row left to right: Tyler Smith, Brett Campbell, Dalton Blackburn, Jeremy Carter-leader)



### Mission Trip to Kentucky

(left to right: Don Hayes, Charlie Sealey, Roger Wooten)



### Mission Trip to Kentucky

(left to right: Roger Wooten, Don Hayes, Billy Carter)



### **Mission Trip to Kentucky**

(front row left to right: Wesley Martin, John Sidden, Rev. Jeff Vogler; back row left to right: Don Hayes, Jerry Sparks, Billy Carter, Tom Davis, Ed Carter, Steve Harris)



### **1999 Habitat for Humanity "Blitz-Build"**

Members of the Brotherhood joined with other volunteers one Saturday in the summer of 1999 to "Blitz-Build" a house on Northwood Drive in Elkin. Lunch was provided by the Baptist Women II (now the Mission Sisters) for the 25 workers.



# 1999 "Blitz-Build"



## **Mission Organizations Meeting Times**

Mission Sisters – First Monday of the month at 7pm

High Spirits – Second Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Sisters in Christ – Third Tuesday of the month at 7pm

GA's – Wednesday nights at 7pm

RA's – Wednesday nights at 7pm

Mission Friends – Wednesday nights at 7pm

For further information about the mission organizations listed above please contact any WMU member or Sharon Smith, WMU Director.

(Section written and arranged by Sharon Smith)



### **1 Corinthians 14:33**

**"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."**





## **Crossfire Youth Ministry Of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church**

It began with a group of kids looking for a new youth leader. With the help of two previous assistant youth leaders, a dedicated group of God's children and a lot of helpful parents and church members, it became a ministry to spread God's word throughout the nation. Beginning in 2001 and running through 2003, the Crossfire Youth Ministry performed at least fifty-two (52) services under the leadership of Jerry and Teresa Poplin Sparks, youth directors.

The services consisted of a variety of worship including Testimonies, Glorifying God through Song and Music, Dowel Rod Dramas, and Drama Skits. Children took turns performing and when not performing, they were moving props and equipment sometimes assisted by parents and adults within the church. The youth numbered between 25 to 52. Many of these youth were members of Pleasant Ridge Baptist

Church, while a few were from surrounding churches who felt led to join the Ministry Team. Their Outreach Ministry traveled to many local churches and to places much further away such as West Jefferson, Wilson, and Manteo.



Crossfire Youth

The youth's ages ranged from 13 to 19+ years young. While these children were definitely teenagers, and some could be real practical jokers, their desire to be warriors for Christ was serious. They recognized that God had called them to this particular service. They believed that God had burdened them with making sure that they were a witness to all who crossed their path; a bright shining light in a world that is often far too dark. They spent many hours of their free time sharpening their

talents, practicing their ministry dramas, studying God's word and praying. They prayed that God would use their skills and talents to enlarge His Kingdom. They prayed that God would help them to remain strong, both as a ministry team and as young men and women. They prayed that God would speak through them to touch hearts and allow souls to be saved.

These children of God were blessed to have the opportunity to witness to over 7,000 lives, shed tears of joy over the many lives that were saved who came to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and saw lots of seeds planted during their years together. Thank you to all who supported them in helping to spread the good news. Each of these youth remember these worship and drama services and prayer time together as a special and blessed time in their lives. It changed lives for the glory of the Lord. It changed their lives.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen".**  
**Matthew 28: 18-20**



**Mission Trip 2002 at Manteo**

(left to right: Matthew Holbrook, Chase Martin, David Caudill,  
Amanda Williams, Bethany Carter, Laura Macemore)



**Mission Trip 2002 Manteo**

Logan Minton makes a friend





### **Mission Trip 2002 Maneto**

The girls pose for a photo before a luau and a bible study (back row left to right: Amanda Williams, Brittany Ledford, Kasi Shew; front row left to right: Laura Macemore, Bethany Carter)



### **Crossfire at Ridgecrest 2002**

(front row left to right: Amanda Williams, Laura Macemore; back row left to right: Lindsay Martin, Hannah Alexander, Bobby-teacher, Brittany Ledford, Bethany Carter, Kayla Shew, Missy Settle, Amber Macemore)



**Mission Trip 2002 Manteo**  
Youth Group at Manteo Baptist Church



**Crossfire Youth performance at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church**





**Crossfire Youth performance at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church**

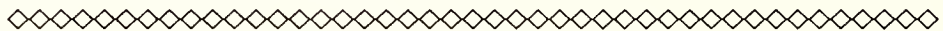


**Crossfire Youth performance at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church**



### **Youth Group 2007**

(front row left to right: Luke Sealey, Ocean Hinson, Austin Luffman, Taylor Carter, Shelby Walsh; back row left to right: Michaela Mook, Lindsey Longworth, Nicole Carter, Renee Wood, Allison King)



### **1 Timothy 4:12**

**"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."**





# *Church Activities & Events*

**1 John 1:7: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus,  
His Son, purifies us from all sin.**

Fellowship activities and events at Pleasant Ridge have been and continue to be abundant! Celebrations are held for numerous occasions like anniversary dates—25 years, 50 years, 75 years, and now 100 years! Special events have been held upon completion of or renovation of buildings for the church. Members have been honored for years of service such as serving on the deacon board or years of teaching Sunday School, and other special reasons. Trips have been taken. The whole church has held socials such as the annual picnic. Various groups within the church are important to members, the church, and the community. The following pictures show a variety of activities and events through the years.



**Butrice J. Luffman's (Mrs. Winfrey Luffman) Sunday School Class about 1940.**

Salley Spencer, Alice Luffman, Cora Welborn, Hazel Luffman, Flora Tucker, Sarah Jane Martin, Bessie York, Edith Carter, Emmice Carter, Etter Layell, Florence Harris, Mary Burchette, Omega Carter, Mamie Carter, Lena Hodges, Irene Bauguess, and Pearl Luffman.



**Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church—One of the last meetings before moving to the brick church**

Nancy Carter, Franklin Carter, Teddy Caudle, Judy Carter, Iona Luffman, Ann Hutchison, Wilda Tucker, Kay Hutchison, Jerry Draughn, Larry Draughn, Danny Darnell, Winfrey Luffman, Bramlet Carter, Loyal Carter, Tom Lee Davis, Amy Luffman, Cora Welborn, Lydia Caudle, Lexie Luffman, Hubert Martin, Butrice Luffman, Tessie Carter, Alma Draughn, Curt Luffman, Alex Carter, Vonson Layell, Richard Thompson, Ernest Caudle, Nell Carter, Ed Carter Jr., Billy Layell, Verlie Davis, Wilmer Hutchison, Dixie Draughn, Doris Hutchison, Mary Sue Walsh, Nellie Caudle, Opal Collins, Jerelene Darnell, Nell Thompson, Bill Luffman, Myrtle Carter, Mattie Carter, Rev J.L. Powers, Benny Davis, Roby Lee Luffman, Burr Hutchison, Lois Hutchison, Ivy Layell, Bobby Joe Davis, Wiley Darnell, Agnes Carter, Bryan Carter, Betty Lou Carter, Conrad Carter, Winnie Luffman, Norma Sue Tucker and Kenneth Layell.





**Sunday School  
Class in the  
early 1930's.**





**Mid 1940's**—Myrtle Carter, Teacher; B.J. Carter, Rebecca Luffman, Everette Luffman, Marlene Martin, Agnes Carter, Mildred Carter, Pauline Luffman, Winnie Luffman, Willene Luffman, Alma Hanes, Jean Luffman, Barbara Jean Carter, Betty Ann Sale, and Esta Murray, Teacher.



**Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in the early 1940's.**





**Myrtle Carter's Sunday School Class**

Alex Carter, Lyndon Harris, Harold Haynes, Artis White, Lorene Haynes, Lubeth Layell...



**Burr Hutchison's Junior Boys  
Sunday School Class**

—Conrad Carter, Javan Luffman, Bobby Joe Davis, Thomas Mooney, Bill Luffman, Jerry Mooney, Edward Johnson, Jackie Carter, David Johnson, and David Caudill.





**Lizzie Walsh's Junior  
Sunday School Class**



**Rev. and Mrs. Frank  
Peeler at the home of  
Tom and Sophia Walsh**

**Omie Carter's Junior Sunday School  
Class**—Comus Carter, Wilda Jean Walsh  
Creed, Minnie Layell Settle, Mildred Carter  
Alexander, Nonnie Adams Collins, Barbara  
Jean Carter, Winnie Luffman, Marlene Martin  
Webster, Agnes Carter Smith, B.J. Carter,  
Omie Carter-Teacher.







**1950 Group**—Azzie Carter, Judy Carter, Nancy Ann Carter, Nadine Carter, Betty Lou Carter, Mary Sue Walsh, Norma Sue Tucker, Lizzie Walsh, Flora Tucker, Omie Carter, Ledford Tucker, and Bram Carter.



**1956 Intermediate B.T.U. Class at Little River Camping Outing**—1st row L to R: Rainbow Walsh, Maxella Walsh, Mary Norman, Julie Ann Thompson, Nancy Ann Carter, 2nd row L to R: Shirley Norman, Joe Wishon, Roby Lee Luffman, David Caudill, Yvonne Norman, Mary Sue Walsh, Edward Johnson, 3rd row L to R: Patsy Norman, Fred Luffman, Jackie Carter, Betty Ann Carter, Norma Sue Tucker, and David Norman





**Senior Bus Trip to Hillsville, VA in 1972**



**Burr Hutchison's Sunday School Class 1950**—Javan Luffman, Edward Johnson, Sam Carter, David Caudill, Billy Layell, Sandy Lee Adams, Kenneth Layell, David Johnson, and Bobby Joe Davis.



**Church Picnic at Wild Cat Rock (Doughton Park) 1967**

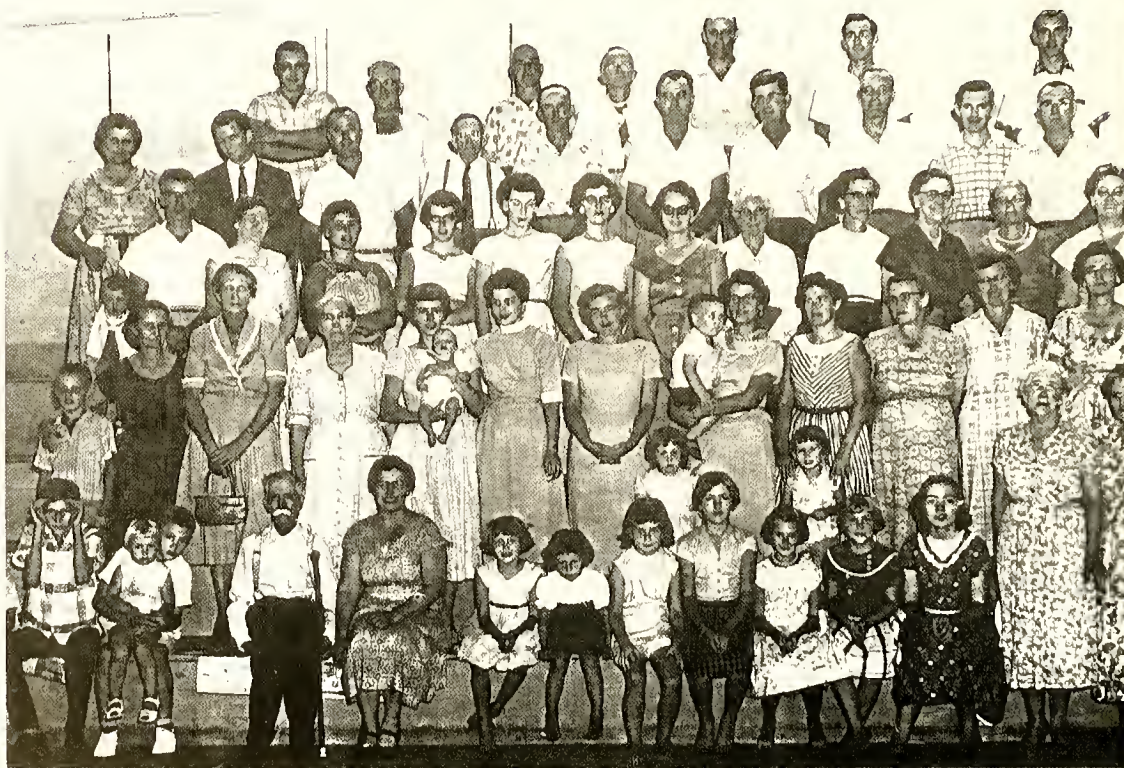


**Church Picnic at Wild Cat Rock (Doughton Park) September 11, 1966**





**The Church Softball Team, managed by Roger Wooten, only lost two games.**  
 Darryl Blackburn, Tommy Bauguess, Jr. Luffman, Keith Cockerham, 2nd row: Ray Caudill, Timmy Martin, Kevin Caudill, Steve Martin, Rodney Atwood, Back row: Roger Wooten, Randy Sparks, Craig Caudlill, Michael Thompson, Michael Blackburn, and Benny Adams.



**Church Group at Old Pleasant Ridge School Gym**



### Old Timer's Day—Mid 1970's



Fred Carter, Dickey Luffman, Chris Carter, Sam Spicer,  
Richard Thompson, David Norman, Clyde Norman



Raydell Carter, Sue Norman, Grace Haynes



### Old Fashioned Day 1980's

Irene Johnson Royal, Sue Norman, Opal Collins,  
Ethlene Carter, Flora Johnson, Cathy Carter Reece,  
Grace Haynes



**First Church Bus 1972**



**Senior Outing**



**First Church Van**  
Rick Woodruff





**Building Committee when church was remodeled in 1968.**  
 (left to right) Hilary Alex Carter, Raydell Carter, Ed Carter Jr., Rev. Homer Greene



**Singing Group**  
 (left to right)  
 Gent Walsh  
 Bramlet Carter  
 Butrice Luffman  
 Luther Byrd



**Vacation Bible School "Trail of Treasures" at an afternoon at Carter Falls.**



**First Senior Citizen Day at Pleasant Ridge 1977  
Pastor Glenn Byrd**



## Church Picnic



(left to right) Lyndon Harris, Russell Pardue, Ed Carter, Warren Ross, Rev. Glenn Byrd



Lee Lawrence and John Sidden



Valentine Party for Widows and Widowers circa 1997-1998



Facing L to R: Connie Spicer, Ila Layell, Lexie Luffman, Pearl Luffman, Lorene Johnson Tulbert, Mary Johnson Norman, Lizzie Couch, Sallie Norman, Edna Draughn, Lula Mae Norman, and Mary C. Norman



Facing L to R: Nonnie Adams Collins, Mabel Luffman Turpin, Butrice Luffman, Parks Groce



Facing L to R: Mohea Caudill, Ella Thompson, Flora Tucker, and others





**Lorene Tulbert's 80th Surprise Birthday Party in the Fellowship Building 2005**

Nell Thompson, Alene Luffman, Oleene Harris, Raydell Carter, Shirley Merritt, Dan Merritt



**Worship Service Music - August 2007**

Stringed instruments by Steve Bowen, Winfrey Caudill, Jeff Walsh and Diane Bowen with soloist Steve Martin, charter member William "Bill" Martin's great grandson added to the Worship service.



### **"CHOSEN" Children Hearing Of Our Savior Everyone Needs**

The "Chosen" group was formed in September 2003. The group is for children in grades Kindergarten through Sixth grade. The group meets once a month for fellowship and special activities.

Leaders: Melinda Cockerham, Anita Darnell, Debbie Garner, Todd Garner, Karen Sealey, and Dana Walker  
 Children: Tyler Finlayson, Brett Campbell, Joel Smith, Carson Brown, Tyler Smith, Dylan Brooks, Dalton Blackburn, Caroline Carson, Meagan Carter, Mona Lisa Mullins, Jordan Mays, Sam Cason, Nathaniel Riddle, Chris Carson, Whitney Shores, Morgan Cockerham, Brooke Sealey, Abby Reeves, Katelyn Sealey, Leah Cockerham, and Katie Talley  
 Not Pictured: Chelsea Cockerham, Rachel Evans, and Stevie Campbell



**Music Makers** Front row: Laura Macemore, Logan Minton, Andrew Holbrook, Whitney Luffman  
 Second row: Lauren Johnson, Marley Burton, Terrin Martin, Amber Macemore, Bethany Carter  
 Third row: Emily Wooten, Sommer LeHardy, Tommy Lyles, Deana Luffman, Britney Burton  
 Teachers: Kay Martin and Debbie Shelton





**Homecoming 2006  
Rev. Homer Greene**



**Church Picnic at Stone Mountain Park 2006**



**The Youth Group took a trip to Gardner-Webb University while Johnny Norman was a student there.** Pictured with Rev. Glenn and Mary Lou Byrd are Johnny Norman, John Sidden, Sue Norman, Pat Luffman, Amber and Amy Norman, LeDon Wall, Wendy and Brian Sidden and Neil Wall, along with a speaker from Gardner Webb.



**Children listen intently while Debbie Garner presents a children's story during an August 2007 Worship Service.**

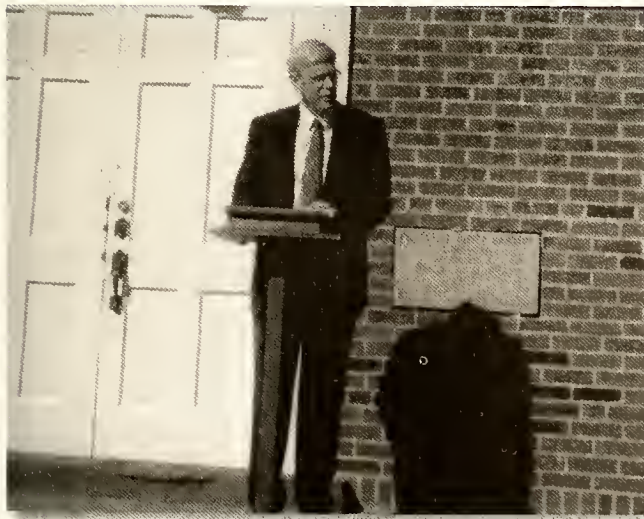


## Removing the Time Capsule after 50 years (2002)

A time capsule was placed behind the cornerstone at its laying on August 31, 1952. A listing of charter members of 1907 was included along with a roll call of members (215). Names and amount of contributions given for the church by members, non-members, and friends were attached. A copy is available in the church office, that also includes a list of people who donated money for stained glass windows in memory of loved ones. Windows were given in memory of Ed Carter, L.H. Carter, S.N. Couch, Henry Carter, H.J. Carter, Mrs. Nancy Smith, and O.A. Bauguess.



Teddy Norman, Todd Garner, Dicky Luffman, Roger Wooten,  
Steve Martin, Jimmy Caudle, and Chris Reeves



**Rev. Dan Merritt**



Mabel Murray Gaskill  
(daughter of L.B. Murray, first pastor)





**Adult Singles Ladies Sunday School Class**, organized in 1997, enjoy a meal at the home of Connie Spicer. Shown are Connie Spicer, JoAnn Carter, Mary J. Norman, Judy Hackney (teacher), and Lorene Tulbert. Not pictured-Christine Greene.



**Butrice Luffman**, age 96, now living in the Hugh Chatham Nursing Center in Elkin, proudly displays a signature quilt given to her 62 years ago by members of her Sunday School class. In 1945, each member of the class made a square and personalized it for their teacher by adding their name.



**Virginia and Artis White** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Fellowship Building in February of 1999.



**Two church vans** used for ministries and fellowships are housed at the end of the parking lot below the church.



Hilary Alex Carter assists Butrice Luffman at the **ground breaking for the new church building**.





**Ground Breaking for New Sanctuary on December 12, 1999**

Building Committee left to right Fred Carter, Dana Walker, Vicky Collins, Richard Taylor (Clark Construction Co.), Donald Wall (Chairman), Teddy Caudill



**Placement of New Cornerstone on May 6, 2001 with Time Capsule to be opened in 2051.**

Front row: Edward Darnell, Charlie Sealey, Todd Garner, Winfrey Caudill, Steve Martin  
Back row: Roger Wooten, Jeff Walsh, Rev. Vernon Ball, Mrs. ReElla Ball, Jimmy Caudle

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church  
1997 Pleasant Ridge Road  
State Road, NC 28676

Summary of Related Cost

Original Contract Amount	\$1,099,363.00
Date: December 10, 1999	
1- Change Order Number: 1	\$ 3,402.00
Date: February 3, 2000	
Demolish existing septic tank and backfill, install new septic tank and drainfield at rear of Fellowship Hall according to Wilkes County Health Department.	
2- Change Order Number: 2	\$ 4,806.00
Date: November 13, 2000	
Change the floor covering in Vestibule to hard tile.	
3- Change Order Number: 3	\$ 45,649.00
Date: May 18, 2001	
Add covered drive-thru.	
4- Change Order Number: 4	\$ <1,650.00
Date: December 6, 2001	
Deduct the cost of \$1,650.00 from the contract amount to install 2 aluminum awnings.	
5- Contract to cover cost and installation of sound system.	\$ 17,711.88
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Total Cost for a New 600-seat Sanctuary and Associated Work	\$1,169,281.88

Don Wall  
Building Committee Chairman



# Scouting



**Boy Scout Court of Honor**  
Mike Blackburn receiving Scouter  
of the Year,  
Winfrey Caudill, Scout Master

**Boy Scout Troop 686, 1996**



**Dinner after Program 1976**





**Scout Troop 686, circa 1975**

L to R front row: Perry Teage, Kevin Caudill, Timmy Martin, Daryl Blackburn, Back row: Craig Caudill, Mark Carter, Roger Golden, Billy Carter, Winfrey Caudill, Randy Sparks, and Mike Blackburn



**Rev. Homer Greene, 1964, at Chigger Hollow**





**Scout Troop 686, 1966, at Camp Raven Knob**

L to R front row: Unknown, Charles Martin, Unknown, Roger Golden, Phillip Carter, Terry Tucker, Gary Martin, Unknown, In back: Marvin Tucker, Scout Master; Unknown



**1966 Raven Knob**

Front row: Gary Martin, David Felts, Unknown, Phillip Carter, Roger Golden, Unknown Back row: Ronnie White, Marvin Tucker, Scout Master; Unknown, Donnie Layell, Terry Tucker, Charles Martin





**Scout Troop 686, 1963**

Front row: Terry Tucker, Second row: Eddie Wilmoth, Third row: Jack Couch, Lee Lawrence, Danny Lawrence, Burt Norman, Back row: Ronnie White, Donnie Layell, Phillip Lawrence, Sam Couch, Larry Draughn



**1963 Camp Raven Knob**

Phillip Carter with bugle, Marvin Tucker, and others look on.





### **Scout Court of Honor, 1960-1961**

Front row L to R: Stanley Billings, Larry Draughn, Jerry Draughn, Danny Lawrence, Phillip Lawrence, Sam Couch, Ronnie White, Danny Darnell, Back row L to R: Mrs. Billings, Alma Draughn, Eva Lawrence, Stuart Couch, and Virginia White



Same Court of Honor as above with Marvin Tucker Scout Master,  
Tom Walsh (Rainbow) Assistant Scout Master

# *Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church*

## *Member Tributes*

**1 Samuel 16:7 - But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."**





## RALPH & OPAL COLLINS

By: James & Maxine Hill, Estelle Snow

When remembering Opal and Ralph Collins, the first word that comes to mind is dedication. First and foremost they were dedicated to the Lord and to living out their faith. While they had great responsibilities at home and on the farm, they never allowed that to prevent them from being totally involved in the work of the church. Although they suffered tragedy in the loss of both their children, Larry and Joan, their faith never wavered and they remained faithful to The Lord's work.

Opal was a prayer warrior. She kept a notebook with the names of all the people she was praying for. In addition to church members and friends, her main concern was the lost. Many names of unsaved people were included in her notebook. Hopefully, many of those prayers have been answered.

Ralph was a hard working man. In addition to farming the land, he and Opal took care of a dairy. Opal would get up early seven days a week to milk the cows and then repeat the process over again each evening. Most folks might let that keep them out of church on Sunday, but not Opal.

Both Ralph and Opal did all they could to help their neighbors. They were careful to maintain peace and always tried to set a Christian example. Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church was their life. After Ralph, Larry and Joan died and Opal was left alone, her faith seemed even stronger. Her final wish was that she could leave something to her church that had befriended and nurtured her and her family through the years. Thankfully, that wish was fulfilled.

## RALPH COLLINS

By: Joey Johnson

Ralph Collins was a great influence in my teens, an influence that has stayed with me all these years. I think all the men who were teenage boys in his class would say the same thing. Ralph was the teacher of the Junior Boys class. He did not just teach the Bible, he lived it. He believed you should let boys be boys, but treat them like men. I will never forget the many afternoons our class spent at his farm, roasting hot dogs, and later having apple and mud ball wars in his barn. Those were some very good and unforgettable days.



## LARRY & JOAN COLLINS DECEASED SON AND DAUGHTER OF RALPH & OPAL COLLINS

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### Proverbs 31:10

**"A wife of noble character, who can find. She is worth far more than rubies."**

## RALPH & OPAL COLLINS

By: Wilda Tucker Heard

My early memories of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church are of a little white frame church with large bushes on each side of the entrance and a walkway lined with boxwood, and Ralph Collins. I remember at about age 6 sitting in the church building during revival services and looking out the open window at the construction of the new brick building and wondering if I could jump from the open window of the white frame church building into the new one as they were so close.

Many people influenced my early life but one couple, Ralph and Opal Collins; Ralph in particular made a huge impression in my formative years. In my mind's eye they were always at the building when my family arrived and always there when we left. They drove an old truck and because it seemed much older than my family's car I thought they must be very poor and perhaps lived at the church building. (I grew to realize that was faithfulness.) Ralph was a simple man; involved in the Sunday school program and anything else that was needed. Opal played the piano and took a quiet stand by her husband. Ralph greeted everyone with a warm smile and his quiet, gentle spirit was noticeable. I never heard him say an unkind word. He always made a point to talk to me, and even after I grew up and left the community when returning for a visit Ralph always made me believe I had been missed.

I now realize what I saw in Ralph Collins was the reflection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He truly lived, as he believed Christ expected him to live. He and Opal did not have an easy life. They suffered many hardships and losses, and yet leaned on The Lord for strength and guidance daily, not clinging to this world, but looked forward to the day they would see Jesus.

As I honor their memory today, I ask myself, how many of us in the congregation would be perceived by a child as "living at the church because we were always there?" I fall way short!

## OPAL COLLINS & AMY LUFFMAN

By: Linda Luffman Ross

I have nothing but wonderful, wonderful memories from growing up in Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and Pleasant Ridge Community. All of us who did that were incredibly blessed to grow up surrounded by loving Christian examples.

I can think of things that meant a lot to me about practically everyone I remember from my childhood, but these two people stand out as showing God's love so humbly.



### Amy Luffman

I think of Amy every time I hear the pastor call on someone to lead in prayer during worship service. Amy sat down near the front of the congregation and when called on to lead in prayer there was always a long pause and then he would say very softly "well, it's me again Lord."

### Opal Collins

Another person who showed God's love to me was Opal. Her humbleness and willingness to serve in whatever capacity she could was an example for all of us. After I grew up and moved away, I would go for long periods of time without seeing her. When I did see her she would always hug me so tight and say, "I pray for you every day." I went to see her in the hospital near the end of her life and the last thing she said was "Linda I love you and I pray for you every day." I believe that she did. I think she prayed for all of us who had our roots in Pleasant Ridge.





HILLERY J. CARTER (1877 - 1933)  
& ENNIS H. CARTER (1876 - 1954)

By: Hilary Alex Carter

I remember very little about my Grandpa Carter. He died in 1933 at the age of fifty-six. When he became a charter member in 1907 he would have been twenty-six years old. Over the years some of my older friends have told me good things about him and the confidence they had in him.

I do remember my Grandma Carter. She lived twenty-one years longer than grandpa. Their farm joined Pleasant Ridge Church. The early church cemetery property was donated by them. Grandma was a quiet, kind and loving person. She was always dedicated to her church. Mrs. Butrice Luffman researched and wrote the early history of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. In 1933 she also wrote this epitaph that is on their monument.

"Our loved ones who sleep beneath this sod: Went about praising the goodness of God. By their walk, by their talk, and by their lives here below. We are reaping a good harvest: From the seed they did sow."

**I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which The Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing**  
**2 Timothy 4 7-8**



BRAMLET W. CARTER (1906 - 1983)  
& OMIE B. CARTER (1910 - 1994)

By: Fred & Hilary Alex Carter

The above picture of daddy and mama was made during the Old Time Celebration at Pleasant Ridge Church in 1980. They were chosen King and Queen for the day. They contributed countless hours to the community and Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Daddy was the first elected sexton of the church and served as Sunday School Superintendent for twenty-five years. He also served in many other positions as shown in the church history. He made many trips concerning church work when we were small kids. Most of the time he took Fred and me with him.

In early years mama was a Sunday School teacher and always ministered to older people and shut-ins. She visited them and most of the time carried them one of her home baked cakes. She spent a lot of time in the church cemetery placing flowers on graves of people who otherwise would have had none. We have always felt blessed by having parents who always took us to church.



## BRAMLET & OMIE CARTER

By: Judy Carter Williams

There is sixteen years age difference between my brothers and myself. Since my memories were from a different time I am writing mine separately.

I am so fortunate to have been raised in a loving Christian home and in Pleasant Ridge with a lot of fine Christian people in it. Mom and Dad were proud to be from Pleasant Ridge and worked hard to make it and the church what it is today.

Mom had a warm place in her heart for the elderly, sick and shut-ins. I remember going along with her to deliver Home Life Magazines to them. We would stay about an hour to visit and she would pray with them. She most always took them some of her 7up pound cake. She taught the Junior Girls Sunday school class and also enjoyed being in the Home Demonstration club. While serving as president she organized the painting of mailboxes on Pleasant Ridge Road, red, white and blue. A sign was also placed at the entrance of the community saying "Welcome to Pleasant Ridge" and one at the end saying "Thanks for visiting, come again."

Dad designed them. After Dad's death she would drive and carry two or three others to Austin Senior Center for lunch. She often brought take out plates to deliver to those who could not go.

To add to the things Fred and Alex wrote about our Dad, he also organized the first Vacation Bible School. He took a week off from his work to make sure things ran smoothly. He also secured a summer youth worker from Wake Forest College and paid half her salary himself. They were ever faithful to their church. I cherish the memories of my childhood and the years I spent at Pleasant Ridge and always look forward to visiting.

## BRAMLET W. CARTER

(Information taken from The Carter-Luffman Recognition Program, March 23, 1969)

Bramlet Worth Carter, was born June 18, 1906. On profession of faith he joined Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church October 21, 1921. At 16 he was elected sexton in 1922.

He began work with Chatham as a mule spinner in 1927, and retired in 1967 as shift supervisor.

He was active in community affairs, and his influence has been felt in this and other communities.

From 1932 - 1939 he served as church clerk. In 1952 he was a member of the building committee. In 1963 he was a member of the building committee for the Pastorium. He was ordained as deacon October 22, 1933 and served for more than thirty-five years.

He was Sunday School Superintendent for twenty-five years 1937 - 1963. Under his leadership the first study course was held in 1942. In the same year the Sunday school became standard and remained so for the next four years. For four years the Sunday school enrollment was 200, and in 1943 reached an all time high of 238.

Under his leadership this church had her first Vacation Bible School in June 1946. He took a week from his work to get the school going. Pleasant Ridge was one of six churches having a school that year. He also led in the first church wide census in 1953.

He was instrumental in getting the only educational worker that was had at that time in the summer of 1957. As evidence of his love for Christ he paid half of her salary.

The leaders and workers of this church always looked to him as an outstanding example of growth and Christian maturity through his faith and service.

He was one of the most influential Christian Leaders at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.





## BRYAN & TESSIE CARTER

By: Agnes Carter Smith



Daddy was born to B. J. "Tink" and Rose Ann Carter on December 23, 1897. At an early age he began working to make Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church a place of worship. He was only nine years old when he helped his dad haul lumber for the first church from Doughton in Wilkes County. The lumber was hauled down on a wagon with a team of horses.

Daddy's parents were charter members of the new church as well as a brother, Ed and sister, Lillie. Grandma Rose Ann and Emma Murray named the church Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

As a young man of 24 years, Daddy was ordained as a deacon in 1921. He served as the first secretary of the deacons in 1934, chairman of the trustees in 1952 for the first brick church, and chairman of the building committee for the pastorium in 1963. He gave land for the pastorium and bought land to extend the cemetery. It was always his desire to make the church and community a better place.

Our house was always open to the pastor to have Sunday lunch with us. It was common for the pastor and his family to have lunch with one of the members of the church after Sunday services. Daddy always made sure his name was down to have the visiting minister for lunch one day when we had our annual revival.

Mama sang in the choir when she was a young woman. She was the only alto singer in the choir at that time. The church used song books with shaped notes. I remember how she would take a new song and sing the notes to learn the tune.

In the early 1920s Mama started making the communion bread. She continued making it for about 45 years. The bread was made the morning it was to be used at the 11 o'clock service. Extra was always made because she wanted each piece to be uniform and not over baked. Only the best was used. She took great pride in this to make sure it was done right.

Mama and Daddy raised nine children and each one became a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Sunday morning we knew the day would begin by attending church. Each one of us would have our offering of pennies, sometimes nickels or dimes and a Bible verse to recite when called upon in class. We were taught early in life to always show respect in the house of worship.

As children, Mama and Daddy always taught us to stand up for what was right, respect other people, and to be honest and show compassion to others. This is still being taught to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren today.

Mama and Daddy were married in 1917 and celebrated 67 years together. They attended and supported the church as long as their health permitted. When they were no longer able to attend they sent their offerings. The church was always a big part of their lives.

## SHUBRIAL BRYAN CARTER

(Information taken from The Carter-Luffman Recognition Program, March 23, 1969)

Shubrial Bryan Carter was born December 23, 1897. He was born of the Spirit in the summer of 1919. He was under great conviction on the Mr. Will Carter place when his mother, Rose Ann and sister Lillie reached him and found him praying asking God to save his soul. There he settled it.



Four years later he was ordained a Deacon on April 23, 1921 and served for sixty-one years. He was the first secretary of the Deacons in 1934. He served as chairman of the trustees also. He was chairman of the building committee for the church Pastorium in 1963 and gave the land on which it was built. He also gave an additional tract on the north side of the cemetery.

Some of those with whom he grew up meant very much to him, they were Mr. Loyal Carter, Mrs. Esta Murray, Mr. Bram W. Carter and Mr. Winfrey Luffman, plus many others.

Bryan was a most useful leader in the church and community. For forty years he was with the Chatham Manufacturing Company and in addition operated his farm. He was instrumental in getting the first public school committee for twenty-six years, and for three years on the advisory committee of the C.B. Eller School.

At his retirement in 1969 he was presented a beautiful gold plaque in appreciation for his service.

His home has always been a place where everyone was made welcome by love, warmth, and friendliness.

Steadfastly, he always set a noble example of Christian living by standing for right as he saw it.

We honor Bryan for rendering outstanding service to his Lord through Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. He was one of the most influential Christian leaders at Pleasant Ridge.

# VIRGIL WINFREY & BUTRICE JOHNSON LUFFMAN

By: Their Family



V. Winfrey Luffman was three-and-a-half years old when his parents, Luther and Alice Harris Luffman, and his paternal grandparents, Caleb Winfrey and Sara Ann (Sally Ann) Harris Luffman, became charter members of the

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. He was saved and joined the church in his seventeenth year. Pleasant Ridge would be his "home church" for life.

At age sixteen Winfrey began leading the choir and continued for more than fifty years. His father had taught him the musical notes; and he, in turn, taught music schools at PRBC and many other churches in the area over the years.

On March 30, 1930, he married Butrice Johnson. The first time he brought her to his church, he took her to sit beside Mrs. Esta Murray, since he had to lead the singing.

Winfrey was ordained a deacon in 1930 and served for more than fifty-seven years. He was elected chairman in 1934 and served in that capacity for thirty years.

He served as teacher of the Men's Sunday School Class for more than sixty years. Butrice taught the junior-aged boys her first summer there. For the next five years she taught children who were ten to twelve years old. Then she began teaching the Adult Women's Class and continued for the next sixty-five years. (While she was Director of Missions in the Stone Mountain Association for seven years and in the Elkin Association for nine years during the 1950s into the 1970s, she remained the teacher of record for Women's Class and taught the class whenever she was able to be present.)

Both Winfrey and Butrice served short terms as Sunday School Superintendent and Winfrey served nine years as Church Clerk. Butrice also directed several Christmas pageants.

Winfrey was instrumental in obtaining a piano for the church. Butrice asked him who was going to play it. He replied, "You are." She was the church's first pianist. Afterwards she sang in the choir for over sixty-five years. Both sang in quartets with other choir members. Winfrey sang solos in area churches, and the song most requested of him was "Stand by Me."

Butrice participated in the organization of the church's Women's Missionary Union and was an active member for forty years. For seven years she served as the first Director of the Stone Mountain Association WMU.

In 1930 they led in organizing the BYPU, later known as the "Baptist Training Union." Winfrey was its first director and taught its first study course. Butrice taught many of the WMU and Training Union study courses.

Until 1950 Butrice taught all the Sunday school study courses offered by the church. She worked with Sunday School Superintendent Bramlet Carter to be sure the Sunday school met the ten strict requirement set by the Southern Baptist Convention. As a result, between 1942 and 1945, the PRBC was awarded the Standard of Excellence rating for Sunday school.

In 1953 Butrice conducted a church-centered census. The information gathered proved valuable for the church's future planning.

When the second church structure was built in the early 1950s (dedicated in 1952), Winfrey was serving as Chairman of the Building Committee.

He represented his church in the Stone Mountain Association serving variously as Clerk, Association Music Director and member of the Executive Committee. He was later active in the Elkin Association as long as his health permitted.

Butrice researched and compiled the seventy-five year History of Pleasant Ridge Church, 1907-1982, and prepared the program and worship celebration litany of the anniversary services on October 17, 1982.

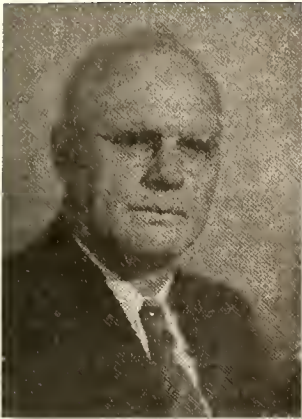
Winfrey cared deeply about his community and contributed the land for the State Road Volunteer Fire Department.

Winfrey died at age eighty-three and waits for us today "on Zion's Hill." Butrice resides at High Chatham Nursing Center in Elkin. At ninety-six years of age, she is Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church's oldest member.



## VIRGIL WINFREY LUFFMAN

(Information taken from The Carter-Luffman Recognition Program, March 23, 1969)



Winfrey was born Easter Monday, April 4, 1904 and named for two of his grandfathers. All his life he was serious minded and eager to learn. He learned the skills of carpenter and shop tools from his father. From him also he learned the notes of music and

developed them masterfully.

He was called upon to sing before thousands of people and through this touched many lives. He taught public school for three years and served an additional year as principal of Cool Spring's while still in his teens.

In 1926 he began carrying the mail over a twenty-four mile route. At his retirement in 1963 the route had grown to 71 miles and a third generation had erected their mailboxes by the roadside. Many looked to him for advice and help and received it.

In 1965 he was the host-craftsman in Old Salem. He made jewelry and metal articles during his spare time in his shop at home.

He gave the land for the State Road Fire Department. During World War 11 he worked an additional eight hours as a machinist.

At 16 he was choir leader of Pleasant Ridge Church and continued as such for forty years. At 17 he was saved and joined the church. For nine years he was the church clerk. He was ordained as Deacon June 1930 and faithfully served for almost 40 years. He was elected Chairman of the Deacons in 1934 and served 30 years. In 1930 he led in organizing the first B.Y.P.U. and was first director. He led in the first study course of B.Y.P.U. in 1934. He was a Sunday school teacher for 45 years and teacher of Adult Men for 40 years. He was Chairman of the Building committee for the church in 1952; this church as a youth thrust leadership upon him. Both young and old have listened to his voice, heeded his counsel, and depended upon his judgment. He stood as a strong man among men, endeared and immortalized by the people he loved. He was one of the most outstanding and influential Christian leaders of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

## CALEB WINFREY LUFFMAN

By: Butrice J. Luffman

Caleb Winfrey Luffman was a charter member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and was ordained as a deacon the day the church was organized, October 19, 1907. His grandson Winfrey Luffman was ordained as



a deacon here in June 1930, approximately three months before his grandfather's death. Winfrey Caudill, a great-great grandson grew up in this church, lived in another community for a time and came back into the membership of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church as a deacon in August 1965.

So for most of the 100 years this church has been in existence there has been a "Winfrey" serving as deacon, Granddaddy Luffman, his grandson and his great-great-grandson.

Many others of his descendants are serving in places of responsibility in this church and the churches in the various communities where they live.

This inscription is written on his headstone: "A loving father in heaven at rest. He will be long remembered by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. May God bless them all that they may follow him."

I only knew Granddaddy Luffman during the last few months of his life. He was my husband's grandfather, a gentle, soft-spoken little man, with a clear mind at 90 years old and a wonderful sense of humor. He teased me about my wristwatch, that it was too small to be any good and I ought to have one like his big pocket watch.

He lived with his youngest son Luther for many years, and a granddaughter Flora Tucker says that in all that time she never saw him angry and never heard him raise his voice.

Another granddaughter Sarah Jane Martin says he loved to read and would read everything he could get his hands on. Especially he loved to read his Bible and would sit and read it for hours on end. It seems most appropriate that an open Bible is carved on his headstone.

Paul Luffman, a great-grandson, says that when he was a boy Grandpa "Cale" would visit in their home for days at a time. Children loved him and he loved them. Paul says his great-grandfather always carried a good pocketknife and could carve marvelous things from wood. He especially remembers the intricate puzzles he would whittle out, so complicated that the children could not take them apart or put them together.

Two memories of his war experiences are especially interesting: General "Stonewall" Jackson was his commanding officer. He was scheduled for sentry duty the night General Jackson was shot but was too ill to do so. I said to him, "If you had been standing guard that night you might have been the one who shot him thinking he was the enemy." "No," he answered with love in his voice, "No, I think I would have known him."

He told of being without food for four days and was walking with his close friend along a dusty road where a cavalry unit had recently traveled. He saw a piece of crusty corn bread in the road, picked it up, broke it in half and gave his friend half of it. He said that little piece of dirty corn bread crust was the best food he ever tasted in his life.

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## BUTRICE J. LUFFMAN

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Butrice J. Luffman came to this church as a bride in 1930 and has taught Sunday school classes over a period of 61 years. For five years she taught 10-12 year old children who were eager to learn and a challenge to teach. One of those boys, now in his seventies tells her frequently that he still has a little book she gave him in that class. Her other teaching in this church has been the class of older adult women.

For seven years she was Director of Missions

in the Stone Mountain Baptist Association (NC) and for nine years in the Elkin (NC) Baptist Association. During this time she often visited the member churches and was usually asked to teach the adult Sunday school class of women or men and women. During this time she was the teacher of record of the older women's class at this church, and she taught this class when she was here.

She conducted Vacation Bible Schools in many of these churches during those 16 summers. This was one way of reaching those not affiliated with the churches. She has witnessed to lost people through teaching and distributing Bibles and Scripture portions. She was a member of WMU for 40 years and the Associational Director of WMU for seven years.

Butrice encourages Sunday school attendance by using telephone calls, personal contact and example. When her husband of 57+ years was terminally ill, she continued to teach her class as long as he could be alone for that amount of time. The Sunday following his funeral, on Friday, she was teaching her class. Many of the class members turn to her in times of trouble. She listens to problems, provides whatever comfort she can, and makes suggestions regarding other avenues of help for them when appropriate.

Members of her Sunday school class are urged to minister to each other's needs and those of others in the community, spiritual and physical – "hands and feet on Prayers."

Her personal worship involves daily Bible reading, devotional reading, prayer, grace preceding meals, and intercessory prayer. Worship with the church family includes singing in the choir, leading in prayer, portions of the Sunday school lessons, and regular attendance at services and fellowship gatherings.

Through the years she has demonstrated her loyalty to her church and it's work by regular giving to the church, to mission offerings, and to special projects of the church. A neighbor once remarked. "Your church doors never open without your and your husband's being there."

She and her husband organized the BYPU (now church training) in this church. Until 1950 she taught all the Sunday school study courses offered in this church and many of the WMU mission studies. In later years she taught many study course books in various churches in the associations she served. Throughout her years of teaching she has used the literature of the Southern Baptist convention and taught from the Bible. Class members urged to study their lessons, are encouraged to participate in the teaching.





## MYRTLE CARTER & AMY LUFFMAN

By: Rebecca Luffman Calloway,  
Daughter of Walker & Odessa Swift Luffman

When I have been asked over the years who has been an inspiration in my life, my thoughts have immediately turned to the same two people, Myrtle Carter and Amy Luffman. They were my Sunday school teachers during my youth, and both of them made a great impression on me.

When I was growing up, there were no church youth groups, and the only teaching geared toward our age, other than Bible school, was in Sunday school. These teachers were our only continuous connection with adults in the church, and I remember always feeling that both Myrtle and Amy really cared about us.

I don't recall whether they taught my class on alternate Sundays or whether they were my teachers in different age groups, but they were both equally important to me. I do not remember that either one of them tried to tell us how much they loved and treasured the Bible; but I became keenly aware that they did as I sat in their classes during my teen-age years. They kept the Bible and Sunday school quarterly in their hands, but they had studied and knew the Bible so well that they could look at us during most of their teaching time rather than looking at the printed word in their hands. Their desire for us to know, love, and obey God's Word was most definitely conveyed to us.

In my youth, both of these teachers were placed in a special category in my mind, almost on a pedestal, and they are still there, over half a century later.

## WINFREY LUFFMAN

By: Rev. Vernon F. Ball

When I was about ten years old, my dad carried me to Uncle Luke Luffman's to visit. I don't remember if I had met Winfrey Luffman before, but he came to Uncle Luke's and Aunt Alice's while we were there. He and my dad were first cousins. He began talking to me in that big booming voice and I thought, what a man!

It was several years later when I met Winfrey again, a short time before ReElla and I were married. About a year after we were married, I went into service.

Right after coming home, we were attending Grassy Creek Methodist Church, and Winfrey came to the church to teach a singing school. ReElla and I attended every night. After sitting under his teaching, I became interested in learning all that I could about music. I gave Winfrey credit for helping me have an interest in music.

Winfrey was a good man, and when he stepped up to the pulpit to sing "On Zion's Hill," it would send chills down your back.

Now he is singing "On Zion's Hill" in that great heavenly choir.

He had an influence on my life and I'm glad I knew him. Men come and go, but good men live on in our memories, and one day I will get to hear him sing again.

33 Zion's Hill

J. A. C. JAMES ALLEN CRUTCHFIELD  
*As by Harry D. Lane*

1 There waits for me a glad in-mor-tal, Where gates of pearl-wing open wide.  
2 Some-day I'll hear the angels sing, Be-yond the shades of the tomb.  
3 Some-day my in-born will be end-ed, And all my wond'ring will be o'er,  
4 Some-day the dark-bur-t will be rift-ed, And all the night of gloom be past.

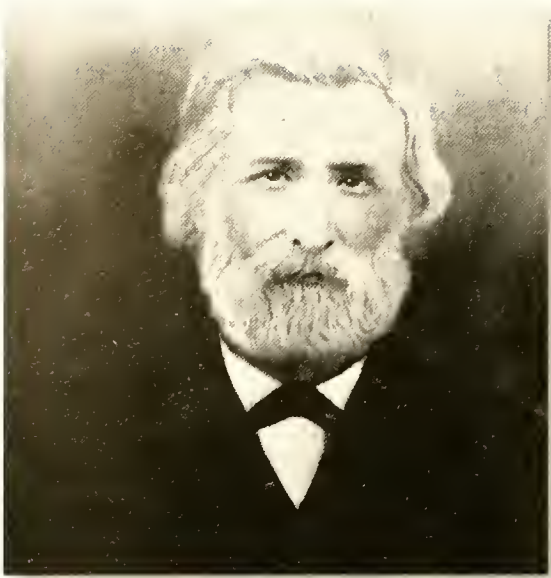
And when I've passed this vale of sor-row, I'll camp up-on the old er side.  
And all the bells of heav-en ring-ing, While an-gels are sing-ing 'Hosanna, sweet home.'  
And all earth's bro-ken time be mend-ed, And I shall laugh and weep no more.  
And all life's bur-deas will be lift-ed, The day of rest shall dawn at last.

REFRAIN

Some-day be-yond the reach of mor-tal ken, Some-day—God

no-ly know-aught where and when—The wheels of mor-tal life shall

all stand still, And I shall go to dwell on Zi-on's hill.



## CALEB W. (CALE) & SARAH HARRIS (SALLY ANN) LUFFMAN

By: Glenda Luffman White

Several people in Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church have greatly influenced my life over the years, but the person that had the most profound effect on it, other than my parents, died before I was born. Cale Luffman was my Great-Grandfather. He is buried in the church cemetery, and his impact on my life is reflected by the statement on his tombstone, "He lived so his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren would follow him to Heaven."

My aunts and Cale's granddaughters, Sarah Jane Luffman Martin, and Flora Luffman Tucker, told me their most prominent memories of him were of his reading the Bible, while sitting on his front porch in the summer, or sitting on the ground on the sunny-side of the barn in winter.

Many of Cale and Sally Ann's descendants grew up in this church, and many are members today. How blessed we all are that they chose to follow Jesus and lead the way for us.

In recent years, a memorial for my grandparents and charter members, C. Luther, and Alice Harris Luffman, has been built on the church grounds. I think it is very fitting that the bell and cross from the old church steeple have been preserved in it.

## CALEB W. LUFFMAN

By: Rebecca Luffman Calloway  
Daughter of Walker & Odessa Swift Luffman

To the tribute that my sister, Glenda L. White wrote to our Great grandfather Caleb Luffman, I would like to add a word of my experience when I became aware of the epitaph on his tombstone. I am almost ten years older than my sister Glenda: Yet, it is also true for me, that he died before I was born.

In the early seventies I spent a lot of time doing family tree work. Part of that time was spent in the Pleasant Ridge Church Cemetery. However, I had not noticed the epitaph on Great Grandfather Caleb's tombstone that Glenda referred to in her tribute to him.

Then one day in 1977, I was in the cemetery, and read those words: "He lived so his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren would follow him to Heaven." I stood there for a few seconds completely stunned by that revelation. For those few seconds, it seemed that in some unique way the path of my life had crossed the path of his life. I read the epitaph again, but this time I read it out loud to help me understand what it had to say. Then I said out loud, "I am one of those great grandchildren and I am going to Heaven." I stood there with a heart filled with gratitude to God that I had been born into a family with an ancestor who undoubtedly prayed for me long before I was born, and his prayer had been answered.

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### Proverbs 27:9

**"As water reflects a face, so a man's  
heart reflects the man."**



## ESTA BILLINGS MURRAY

By: David Nick Brown



Wife of the organizing pastor (Rev L.B. Murray), Esta B. Murray was the first Sunday school superintendant of Pleasant Ridge Baptist in 1914, serving in that position 3 more times in 1921, 1923, and 1930.

Esta Billings answered God's call to be the second wife of Rev. L.B. Murray, a widower with four children, one an infant. Their marriage produced two more children while Esta's Christian love extended to all her family, neighbors and Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church alike. Among her many strengths, there was managing the family farm enterprises, and permitting Rev. Murray to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ by establishing and organizing over thirty-five churches throughout Piedmont, North Carolina.

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## ESTA MURRAY

By: Hilda Norman Hanks

As a child I had the great privilege of living next door to a great Christian lady. I was a frequent visitor in her home during my growing up years. In those early years of my life, people in this community didn't even knock when they came to visit; they just announced themselves as they entered the door. Many times I walked into Mrs. Murray's home to find her so deep in prayer or Bible study that she didn't even hear me enter. At those times I just quietly exited the room to return at a later time. She didn't talk to me a lot about Jesus; she did something else that made an even greater impression, she lived what she believed. Her life was her witness and the lessons she taught with her life were many. She treated me with such kindness and love. I wasn't just "another" child of the community to her; I was special. That taught me all people are special, no matter their age or station in life. She taught me love and kindness by showing love and kindness to others, and me. Her genuine interest in the daily life of a little child taught me to be interested in others, to listen to them, encourage them, love them, and lift them up. She taught me the importance of being hospitable, making others feel at ease and welcome. Oh, those homemade cookies and fresh made lemonade served on her front porch and the "good" dishes will never be forgotten. Mrs. Murray showed me how to live as a Christian. The love of Jesus always showed in her blue eyes and beautiful smile. She loved and served her Lord daily as she loved and served others. I am truly thankful that God placed her in my life as a role model. She has been an inspiration and an encouragement to me all my life. She was truly a great Christian who served her lord and his church in many ways.

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## GRACE LEWIS HAYNES (1912-2003)

By: Hilary Alex Carter



My memories of Grace go back to 1939. My father had bought some land and built a small house on Pleasant Ridge Road. Grace and her parents lived a few hundred yards behind us. I remember she worked at the Chatham Plant in Elkin all of her working career. She always cared for her parents and brought them to church as long as they were able to go. Grace loved her church and was a longtime member. She attended regularly and always supported it, but never wanted any recognition for anything. When her health began to fail she had completed forty two years of perfect attendance at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. What a record in the Lord's work Grace made.

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### Proverbs 3:3

**"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart."**

## PREACHER BLEVINS

By: Glenda Luffman White



Preacher Blevins was pastor during the first 7 years of my life, and even with my poor memory, he made a lasting impression on me. During those years, children were expected to sit quietly and remain unnoticed in the presence of adults, but Preacher Blevins ignored this unwritten rule. He followed Jesus' command to "Suffer the little children to come unto me..." and I have very fond memories of his loving attention to us.

Preacher Blevins was a good, humble man. My Aunt Flora Luffman Tucker stated, "he was one of the best, he was real." She confirmed my hazy memories of his spending nights and eating lots of meals with people in the community. He did not live in our area and did not have a car, so someone from the church picked him up or he thumbed to the community on weekends. At that time, thumbing was a safe and often used way of travel, but it must have been tiring for an older person.

Aunt Flora said Preacher Blevins spent more nights at the home of her parents and my grandparents, C. Luther and Alice Harris Luffman than anywhere else. She said grandma and grandpa thought a lot of Preacher Blevins and looked forward to his visits.

Preacher Blevins was well liked by my parents also, and I remember his spending a lot of time at our house. One of my few distinct memories from early childhood is of a time that he was eating a meal with us. Mother and daddy had told him to holler if you need anything. In the midst of quiet conversation Preacher Blevins suddenly hollered, "I need a biscuit."

Another attribute of Preacher Blevins that stood out in Aunt Flora's memories was his not wanting to impose on anyone. She said preachers often stated from the pulpit who they were going home with during that era, but Preacher Blevins never went anywhere uninvited. I doubt that this gentle, kind, loving humorous servant of God ever worried about where he would eat or sleep.



## JERELENE LUFFMAN DARNELL

By: Anna Luffman Woodruff



I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a lady who had a profound impact on my life and on the lives of many other women of my generation.

Jerelene Luffman Darnell had tremendous love and concern

for the young girls of Pleasant Ridge Community in the 50's and 60's.

She was our G.A. leader. Every Wednesday night her car would be packed with little girls going to church. Sometimes she had to make more than one trip to get all of us. We would go to church and learn long passages of scripture and songs pertaining to missions. Most of the scripture I can recite today are the ones I learned in G.A.'s.

She made Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon come to life for all of us. She taught us the importance of tithing, helping other people at home and worldwide, and a desire to make the world a better place. Each meeting ended with good snacks and drinks!!

Jerelene worked diligently on helping us to pass the steps to be included in the coronations which she produced and directed in an elaborate and elegant manner. We wore long beautiful dresses and the sanctuary was a beautiful candlelit setting for these honors.

Jerelene was quiet and wanted no recognition for anything she did. She gave unselfishly of her time, talents, and money while working a fulltime job and taking care of her family.

She loved her Lord and loved all of us.

We lost her at a very young age but the fruits of her labor live on.



## THOMAS LEE DAVIS

MAY 31, 1910 - MARCH 7, 1986

By: Dicky Luffman

Thomas Lee Davis, born May 31st, 1910, was married to Verlie Luffman Davis, daughter of Luther and Alice Luffman, on July 5th, 1930. Early in their marriage they moved to Pleasant Ridge Community where they raised their sons, Benny and Bobby Jo. Tom was a most faithful member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for thirty four years, was a trustee, and served on numerous committees. Tom stood in the shadows but worked diligently doing anything to keep the church working and looking beautiful. Although he worked a full time job at Chatham Mfg. Co. for forty-six years, he volunteered time to serve many, many years as custodian at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Even though he got no pay for this unending task, he kept the church in tiptop condition. He was always the first there turning on heat and lights, and the last to leave securing the church.

There have been many tales of Tom getting home from work and getting out of the car almost in a run to attend to his many duties as a husband, father, deacon, and custodian. Tom earned the respect of church members and neighbors with his kindness and gentleness. Everyone loved Tom!

Thomas Lee was a pioneer at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and a man who loved the Lord, and helped make this church what it is today.

## WALKER & ODESSA LUFFMAN

By: Daughters Rebecca, Nancy & Glenda



Our parents,  
Walker W. and  
Odessa Swift  
Luffman, and  
their faithful  
lifetime service  
to Pleasant Ridge  
have immensely  
impacted our lives!

Our dad,  
Walker, son of  
Luther and Alice  
Luffman, charter  
members of the  
church, was an

infant when the church began, so his attendance/membership at Pleasant Ridge involved his entire lifetime. His grandfather Harris donated the land for the church. Dad made sure the pastors and visiting ministers were fed in our home on a regular basis. He strongly supported those faithful souls such as Rev. S.L. Blevins and Rev. Woodrow Wishon and how he loved to hear great spiritual sermons at church! A special memory- he was there to dig many graves and did more than his fair share of hard labor. When there was a death in the community, the church bell rang, a solid communication tool for many years, and our parents would immediately begin the needed ministry.

Our mother, Odessa, presently a member for approximately seventy-four years, remained one hundred percent active in the work of the church, serving as Bible teacher all her adult life, until disabled. Upon hearing about WMU from one of her class she took the very first steps for a WMU at Pleasant Ridge; became president and always worked intensely in this organization. She instigated the first library of the church, even donating the funds to build the shelves. She strongly and faithfully promoted World Hunger and Lottie Moon Offerings with great diligence. She was a prayer warrior; led many prayers in the church services, personally witnessed to the lost, was in the church "every time the doors were opened", and served in numerous capacities.

There are a multitude of rememberings of their contributions to the church and the resulting profound influence on our lives and numerous others. God bless the church and God bless their legacy!

## ODESSA S. LUFFMAN

Recommended by Rev. Glenn Byrd for  
the Bible Teachers Wall of Fame 2-19-92

Odessa S. Luffman married into this community and joined Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. She taught in the Sunday school for 52 years. Her classes have been a young people's class (17-25 years of age), a young women's class, and a class of mature women.

At every opportunity she witnessed to lost people through contacts, visitation, and testimony. She reached people for Sunday school through witnessing, visitation, and invitation.

Her ministry to people involves prayer for them, helping them meet their needs, and visitation. In this church's ministering to others she is very committed to the promotion of the observance of World Hunger Day. She makes announcements, provides the attractive setting for the offering container, urges church members' and others' participation in feeding those who are hungry. Through her teaching, class members are encouraged to minister to others. They show great concern for those who are ill, grieving, or in need. This concern is manifested through cards sent, telephone calls, food taken to homes, etc.

Personal worship involves Bible reading and studying, praying, daily devotionals using the Royal Service and the Missionary Prayer Calendar. Participation in worship with the church family is accomplished through regular attendance, leading in prayer, and taking part in the service when asked. She has been very active in the WMU through the years, serving as president of that church organization for many years. She promotes missions, and when her granddaughter was visiting from Texas, Odessa brought her to Family Missions night to share information and her impressions about her summer experiences in Mexico with a youth mission group.

Her loyalty to and positive attitude toward the total work of the church are expressed by giving, prayer, and attendance at services. She participates in training sessions whenever possible. She always used and strongly supports the use of Southern Baptist literature in our church.



## BURR & LOIS HUTCHISON

By: Nell, Bill, Donna, & Donald Luffman



We moved from the Benham community to Pleasant Ridge in 1962. While we were in the process of building our home Burr Hutchison stopped by to welcome us into the community. Burr asked Bill if he was saved and he replied "no". Burr's response to that was "you know you should be, and the children need to be in church." Bill was later saved on August 19th, 1968.

Our son, Donald, was hospitalized in Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro in November 1985. He was in the hospital for six weeks. By this time Burr and Lois had moved to Greensboro. They had heard that we were down there with Donald, and Burr came by to visit us. Burr found out that we were not leaving the hospital. We were basically living in the waiting room. He gave us the keys to his house and said we could come and go as we pleased to get some rest, sleep, and to shower. They were angels in the most traumatic time in our lives.

We have been so blessed to have friends like Burr and Lois. We will always be grateful to them for what they did for us in our time of great need.

## BURR HUTCHISON

By: Hilary Alex Carter



Time Flies! The above picture was made in August of 1972. Pilot Burr Hutchison had completed one of his routine courtesy flights. He took several of our church family on their first airplane ride. We might say he was our church pilot!

Burr served Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in many ways. He served as church clerk and served as our first Training Union director. Later he became our choir director and also chairman of the deacons. Burr's wife, Lois, was active in the W.M.U. work and was a Sunday school teacher. His daughter, Ann, once served as our church pianist.

We appreciated Burr and his family. He and his wife now reside in Greensboro, North Carolina.

By the way, the two excited passengers in the airplane are Mark Carter and Todd Luffman.

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### Proverbs 22:6

**"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."**

## BURR & LOIS HUTCHISON

By: Sharon Smith

When you reminisce about the history of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church there are many names that come to mind. One couple that will be mentioned every time is Burr and Lois Carter Hutchison. Lois is the daughter of Bryan and Tessie Carter. She grew up at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. After military service Burr and Lois moved back to Pleasant Ridge. They worked together as a team to make Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church a loving, caring and mission minded church for over thirty-five years.

I have heard stories through the years of Burr's leadership and dedication to the church. I remember him as the adult choir director and leading us in the children's choir. He served numerous positions within the church. Early on he served as the Junior Boys Sunday School teacher. Burr served as the Baptist Training Union (BTU) director for the church. Other duties included chairman of the deacons, a trustee, on the pastor search committee that brought to us Rev. Homer Greene, and as a church clerk. Burr was elected to serve as a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The term was from 1972 through 1975. Burr served on the Building Planning committee during his three year term. He is the only member from Pleasant Ridge to have served on the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Lois not only supported Burr in all of his duties she also was very active in the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU). She served as the WMU President of the Stone Mountain Woman's Missionary Union from 1961-1964. She was also the WMU President of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church for several years. She taught the Junior Girls Sunday School class. For a number of years Lois also taught the Adult Young Women Sunday School.

Anytime the church doors were open you could be sure that Lois and Burr would be there.

They have served as Christian role models for not only me but others who grew to know and love them over the years. I am honored to have them as my Aunt Lois and Uncle Burr.

## A TRIBUTE TO ALL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKERS AND HELPERS IN THE 1940's

By: Rebecca Luffman Calloway  
Daughter of Walker & Odessa Swift Luffman

When I was growing up our lives revolved around family and church. In summer we looked forward to Vacation Bible School with probably as much anticipation as children look forward to Disney World vacations now, and we probably enjoyed it more. I would like to say "Thank You" to all those adults who gave freely of themselves to make Vacation Bible School a highlight of the year.

We were taught a lot of Bible stories in Bible school, which reinforced and added to teachings we received in Sunday school. We memorized scripture verses. We played games and did crafts. This was our only chance to do crafts, so whatever we made was very special to us. At age 73, I still have some of those crafts in my possession. We enjoyed the interaction of the games.

One of those games has greatly impacted my entire life. The name of that game was "Sword Drill". To start the game the leader would state, "Get Ready," which meant for us to place our right or left hand on our Bibles in our laps. At the next directive, "Draw Swords," we held our Bible (our Sword) up with our right or left hand. The leader gave us a Bible verse followed by "Charge," which was the command to place the Bibles back in our lap and find the verse. The first person finding the verse was the winner, and this game has made me a winner all of my life. I can very quickly find any verse in the Bible; even one located in the OT books of the Minor Prophets.

Most of the people who worked hard to make the Vacation Bible School experience a significant one in my younger years are already in Heaven enjoying their reward. To those still living, I would like to say: God bless you for showing God's love to me each summer during that special week of Vacation Bible School.



## ED CARTER, JR.

By: Donald Wall



"A tribute to a fallen church leader"

I came to know Junior in early 1960 after first meeting one of Pleasant Ridge Church's young ladies. It was after she had invited me to attend training union in which Junior and his wife, Nell, were class leaders for the young adults. It was through my attending this training that I really got to know Junior. Shortly afterword, I was married and joined Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

In the time leading up to becoming a church member, twice a year study courses were given, and most of these sessions were taught at Junior and Nell's house. Not only were these study courses held in their home, most of our social functions were held there also, where Junior would bear the brunt of the cost of feeding our class. Through his leadership and advice, most attendees have assumed leadership positions in this church, or other churches.

I guess it was in the mid sixties, when there was a lack of young married couples Sunday school classes within the church. With planning, prayer, and coercing from many of us, Junior became the teacher of a class called "The Young Married Class". Even to date, many of the original class members are still attending, forty-odd years later this class is still intact.

Junior not only served in the above mentioned ways, but served as a deacon, chairman of deacons, choir member, and on many committees throughout the church. Some of his greatest works in the church were those that most people never saw on the surface. In that, he encouraged many along the way to take leadership positions where he would always be a strong supporter and cheerleader to them.

In thinking of Junior, you could not overlook the fact that he was a great husband, father, grandfather, and to so many others a second dad. Not to mention the fact that most of the younger generation would never have known what it was like to ride in a Model-T Ford had it not been for his knowledge and talent in restoring several vintage vehicles.

I am sure many of you could join me in expressions of missing this great leader and servant.

## ED A. CARTER, JR.

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Ed A. Carter, Jr., Chairman of our Board of Deacons, has taught Sunday school for approximately 27 years. He is now teaching a class of men between the ages of 45 and 65 years.

He has witnessed to lost people through

contact with fellow workers before his retirement, visitation, sharing the plan of salvation, and through teaching his Sunday school classes. Promotion of Sunday school attendance is accomplished through visitation, telephone calls, and example. (He was absent a minimum of time following a serious heart attack.)

Ministering to people is done through visitation, telephone calls, furnishing transportation when needed, etc. His expertise concerning electricity is used to help those of the church family and community who have need of it. Ed and I assign to each deacon in the church a group of about 15 families under the Deacon Family Ministry Plan. This insures each person that he/she has a deacon to contact when necessary for spiritual, physical, financial, or other needs. Ed serves his 15 families. He and the church secretary are the ones who know how to reach me at all times, when I am away from the church community for a period of time.

He leads others to be involved in ministering to other people through the church Brotherhood. He has been an example in his own home. His older son, an ordained Baptist Minister has been active in a pastorate, in a full-time prison chaplaincy, as an occasional supply minister for us, and is now employed in a health care chaplaincy. His younger son serves as clerk of this church, and he used his welding skills to help build a ramp for use by the disabled in our church.

Ed's personal worship involves Bible study, prayer, and worship of God through enjoying the beauty of nature. He participates in worship with the church family through worship service attendance, singing, leading in prayer, giving tithes and offerings and making appropriate announcements from the Board of Deacons.



## WINFREY CAUDILL

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Winfrey Caudill was born into this community and was raised in this church. As a young man he married and lived in another community, and he transferred his church membership there. He taught Sunday school classes and was ordained as a deacon. Many

years ago he built a home in this community, returned here with his wife and family, and moved his membership back to this church as a deacon.

During his 34 years of Sunday school teaching he has worked with intermediates, young singles, and young married couples. He has served as an example to many people, including his two sons. One of them married and lives with his wife and son in another community where he is active in the church. The other son lives in another state. When they are visiting their parents, they are in Sunday school and worship service.

Winfrey tries to reach lost people through personal witness and example. Personal witness and personal invitation are his methods for recruiting Sunday school prospects.

He ministers to others, doing whatever he can, whenever the opportunity presents itself. As a deacon, through the Deacon Family Ministry Plan, he is responsible for ministering to approximately 15 families in the church. He tries to encourage others to be Christ-like in ministering to others.

His personal worship involves reading and studying the Bible and prayer. He participates in church worship by regular attendance, singing in the choir and in quartets, and leading in prayer. He has been licensed to preach and substitutes for me occasionally in worship service or in midweek Bible study. He is often one of the major speakers on "Men's Day" in our church.

Winfrey demonstrates loyalty to and a positive attitude toward the church through prayer, regular attendance, active membership in the Brotherhood organization, and personal involvement in the total program of the church. His sense of humor proves valuable in participation in various church activities.

## MOSES MONROE LAYELL & ETTA LAYELL

Presentation given by Miss Winnie Luffman  
during the morning worship service on  
Sunday, July 16, 1995.



1995 has been and will continue to be a year filled with 50th anniversaries, primarily concerning the wind down and end of World War II. There have

been personal 50th anniversaries being celebrated by many on us this past week, but more about this later.

There lived in this community a man, a charter member of this church, whom, had he lived in the time of Paul, William P. Barker would have listed as one of the Saints In Aprons and Overalls: Friends of Paul. His name: Moses Monroe Layell, know to us as "Uncle Mode." He was the father of Coley Layell, who now resides in Florida, the grandfather of Deseree Martin and of Robey Layell who lives in this area.

Uncle Mode had very little of this world's goods, but he had his treasures stored where it matters. His wife, "Aunt Etta", was a member of the Women's Missionary Society, and she would read to him from their Royal Service magazine. From hearing what was printed there, he became convinced he should tithe and gave a tenth of his small earning through the WMS organization.

In 1945 Uncle Mode was dying of cancer and was in great discomfort. He spent a lot of time in prayer, but it was not prayer for himself. He was one of the meek the pastor spoke about last Sunday and wrote about in his article in the Pleasant Ridge Baptist News this past week. Uncle Mode's concern was for this church. There had been no baptisms in this church since 1942. He felt the fields were "white unto harvest," and his petitions in prayer were for this harvest. (Many others were praying, but they were not in his physical circumstances.)

Life on earth ended for Uncle Mode on June 22nd, 1945, the only death in the church family for that associational year. This much loved charter member of this church sleeps just across the road in Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery.

The revival began in July 1945 with another charter member of this church, Rev. L. B. Murray (Mabel Gaskill's father and Susie Murray's father-



in-law) doing the preaching. I cannot speak for the conversion dates and time for the others in the 30 baptisms recorded for that associational year, but mine was Friday, July 13th, 1945 about 9:00pm.

We were scheduled for baptism in the Big Elkin Creek down below Walsh's on what is now the Preacher Fields Road. Rains made the water so muddy that the date was postponed to August 12, 1945.

Uncle Mode did not live to see his prayers answered. We are told in the Scriptures that "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." The results are still with us. Who knows where ripples in the water end?

Several of those who were baptized August 12th, 1945 are here today. Some have left the area and taken their memberships to other churches, but part of their hearts is with us. A few are no longer living. We wish each other and ourselves "Happy 50th Anniversary!"

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## EDNA MARTHA COCKERHAM THOMPSON

By: Geri Thompson



Mr. and Mrs. Thompson moved to the Pleasant Ridge community in 1941. She joined Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church soon after moving here. She loved her church and attended many functions. She was a faithful member for as long as she lived.

Health and age problems made it necessary for her to live elsewhere.

Edna was a substitute teacher in Butrice Luffman's Sunday School Class, Women #1. She loved to read and study her Bible.

She will be remembered for her cooking, especially pies! She had special pies for her family. It had to be chocolate or butterscotch for her sons and coconut mound for her grandsons. Her daughter, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter loved them all!

She had a great talent in making tatting, which is almost a lost art today. She made table scarves, Bible bookmarkers, and other items. People came from miles to see and buy her beautiful pieces.

## NELL JANE CARTER THOMPSON

By: Geri Thompson

This tribute is to Nell Jane Carter Thompson who was the daughter of charter member, John Carter. He lived to be the oldest charter member; he died in 1969.



Nell was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church until she was married. She and her husband, Richard Thompson, started going to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. She was a faithful member until her death.

She taught a Sunday class for several years. She loved the little ones and they loved her.

She helped with Bible School for many years as art teacher, helper, nursery worker, or preparing food and drinks.

She belonged to the WMU Mission Sisters. She was secretary and treasurer of the group. We all really felt like sisters!

She was a member of Women #2 Sunday School Class. She mailed cards to the sick and bereaved.

Nell was a faithful choir member as long as she lived.

She was head of food group #1 for 15 years or more. Mohea Caudill and Raydell Carter worked with Nell to provide meals for bereaved families of our church.

Nell was a devout Christian lady who performed the duties of a deacon's wife for 15 or more years.

Nell loved her family and enjoyed having them for family gatherings; Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays, and reunions. She enjoyed having friends and neighbors in to eat. Sharing a delicious meal was Nell's way of showing hospitality and love.

Nell was my sister-in-law, but felt like the sister I never had.

## CLYDE NORMAN

By: Hilda Norman Hanks



Clyde was a lifelong member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. In fact, he was saved at this church in his teenage years. He loved the Lord, and he lived to worship him in his house in Pleasant Ridge.

"Love thy Neighbor as thyself", was Clyde's creed. He

loved people! And he loved to help them in any way possible. The produce from his garden, and his wife Lula Mae's abundant supply of canned goods and home made jellies and jams were gifted to friends and neighbors alike.

Clyde was a gentle, loving and giving spirit who did as Zechariah 7:10 commands, "And oppress not the widow, or the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor: and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart." Widows, fatherless, little children, and people in need were all recipients of his generosity. It has jokingly been said that Clyde could have been a rich man had he not given away so many quarters to little children! But Clyde would have told you, he was a rich man because of all the joy he had received from the giving of such a small amount to precious little children.

Clyde loved his church and was always ready to help with any project that could enable the church to grow and better minister to those who needed the Lord. He did many things that no one knew about. He always said, "God knows, and he will reward. I don't need the praise of man." Church attendance was important to Clyde. Sunday was a special day; a day to gather with fellow believers in God's house to worship. After church, the rest of the day was for visiting friends and family, to rest and refresh one's self in order to go out and serve God in the coming week.

What more can be said about Clyde Norman? As his daughter, I could say much, much, more. But I am sure that those of you who knew my dad would agree with me when I say that Clyde Norman was a good Christian man whose love for his Savior was shown to others by his acts of love towards them. His love for the Lord, and his love for people has been an inspiration not only to his family, but also to others who were fortunate enough to have known him.

## JIMMIE CARTER

By: Evelyn Golden



In loving memory of Jimmie Carter, 1895-1973, who was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church for many years. He attended faithfully as long as his health permitted. Jimmie did not have many riches in his lifetime but God blessed him and his family with all their needs: food, clothing and shelter. He was also the custodian of the church for many years. I remember very well before we had electricity on Pleasant Ridge Road that we had to heat the sanctuary with a wood stove. He always had a big fire going to make everyone comfortable. We were not privileged to have drinking water from a faucet as we do today. Jimmie always had a bucket of drinking water and a dipper for drinking.

The church bell was rung on Sunday morning one hour before church was to begin by Jimmie. If there was a death in the community he rang the bell to get help to dig the grave. He gave that old church bell a ring that no one else could master.

Jimmie also took care of the cemetery. You could see him and some of his family in the cemetery filling in the graves that had fallen in. He also did all the mowing with a push mower, not a power-riding mower.

Loving men and women of God, freely giving their time and energy, has helped make Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church a wonderful place to worship.



## MOHEA TUCKER CAUDILL

By: Mae Vonne Cheek



Mohea, was left with 4 small children, the youngest 11 months old when her husband left.

She was a very faithful Christian, mother and homemaker.

She had no money and cut hair at home to make a few dol-

lars. She grew a big garden and canned and put away all the food she could get. She ironed for a couple of families, helped a few women do some housework and got by the best she could.

But, we, her children, always had a mother at home waiting for us and we always had food on the table, clean clothes to wear, a clean bed to sleep in, and a warm house in the winter.

Through all her work and worries she remained a very devoted Christian lady and member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church for many, many years. She served as the Sunday school secretary for 30 years from 1959 to 1989.

Born February 16, 1915, she lived a good long saintly life until she fell and broke her hip September 7, 2003. She never gained her walking back and after a stay in rehab awhile she came home for a few weeks and kept falling and went to Hugh Chatham Nursing Home December 3, 2004 and went to be with the Lord January 20, 2006.

We, her children, Winfrey Caudill, Mae Vonne Cheek, David Caudill and Teddy Caudill lost one of the best mothers anyone could have and our church lost a very faithful, devoted Christian lady.

## OLEENE HARRIS

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Oleene Harris married, moved into this church community, and joined Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church approximately 15 years ago. She has taught Sunday School for 35 years. She taught a six-and-seven-years-old



class for five years, an eight-through-ten-years-old class for five years, and an 18-29-years-old class for ten years. Since coming here, she has taught a mature women's class (50-65 years old).

She witnesses to lost people by personal testimony, by Bible teaching, and by example. She won her husband to Christ after their marriage, and he now takes an active part in the church.

Visiting, making telephone calls, sending cards, planning or helping plan and taking part in social gatherings are ways she tries to reach people for Sunday School. Lists of prospects are kept, and she and members of the class take every opportunity to reach them for the Sunday School.

She ministers to people by visiting, making telephone calls, sending cards, preparing food, furnishing transportation, listening to problems, etc. She encourages others to be involved in ministering to people by teaching what Jesus says in the Bible. In her Sunday School class she has been responsible for creating a climate of "real sisterhood" among the members. Believing the premise that "Joys shared are multiplied...; sorrows shared are divided..." class members freely share their happy news and their sad news. The class sends cards, gifts or flowers, food, etc. when there are appropriate. They share burdens concerning people outside our community as well as those in Pleasant Ridge.

Personal worship involves daily Bible reading and prayer. She worships with the church family through regular attendance, giving, singing in the choir and in duets, and leading in prayer.

## CHURCH CHOIR, DIRECTORS & MUSICIANS

By: Raydell W. Carter



**Colossians 3:16 - Let the Word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with the grace in your hearts to the Lord.**

Music has always been an important part of my life. My two sisters and I spent our spare time singing, mostly hymns.

Having been a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Choir for over fifty years, music ministry people are special not only to me, but to many others. Our music program has added much to our worship services. Many members, like myself, no longer participate for different reasons.

The choir director selects music to use for all services. Then the musicians practice and learn the songs before the choir begins their work. Each of them spends many hours of preparation. The choir is often used for special services, including funeral services. Some take time off from their work in order to participate.

In the past Pleasant Ridge Church has depended greatly on students in the church to serve as musicians. Our present musicians both began as students. Mary Sue Walsh Johnson began here, moved away and served in another church, before returning. She is our pianist at this time. Sharon Golden Wooten also began as a student and continues to serve as our organist. Some went on to serve other churches as musicians. Over the years, Mary Sue, Sharon and I have participated in many special services, including weddings and funerals. I have been honored and privileged to have either Mary Sue or Sharon accompany me when I sang for those special occasions.

We have a great choir director, choir and musicians! God has blessed Pleasant Ridge Church with many talented and dedicated people, those who have served and those who continue to serve. Why do they do this? Because they all "Serve the Lord with gladness" and they know "There's a sweet, sweet, Spirit in this place," and they know, "It's the Spirit of the Lord." Isn't it wonderful what the "Amazing Grace" of God can do!

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## FRED CARTER

By: Billy Carter



I've known Fred Carter all my life through the church and community activities. I cannot begin to name all the duties he's had at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church but they have been many. I first came to know Fred through Sunday night Training Union Service. He was my teacher for many years. He always had games and activities that taught us about the bible. A few years later he also taught my Sunday school class for several years where he continued to influence me in my growth as a Christian. Then I aged out of his class and several years went by that Fred was not my teacher.

Then when I was in high school starting my junior year I decided to go to Wilkes Vocational Center and take a class in welding. Guess who my teacher was, none other than Fred Carter. He taught me as much about welding as any instructor I've ever had. He laid the ground work and fundamentals of welding to a seventeen year old boy and I have never forgotten them. To me one of Fred's greatest attributes is he was always easy going and mild mannered in his classes at church and school.

So Fred not only influenced me in my early Christian life but influenced me in a career by which I have made a living and supported my family for over thirty years and I thank him for that.

So Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and I both owe Fred Carter a great tribute.



## MY TRIBUTES TO MANY...

By: Lucy Dearing

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church is one of the most cherished places in my memory and in my heart. The old building with it's stove in the winter and the open windows with fans from the funeral home along the pews in the summer. The people who shared each other's joys and sorrows and surrounded us with love, rejoicing in their service to the Lord.

There were so many special people. I will mention only a few.

Amy Luffman who was my Sunday school teacher during those rowdy pre-teen years. He was a man with true humility, with the courage to share with us many of his personal experiences that shaped his faith. He loved The Bible, even taught him self to read using it as his only textbook. I remember in particular the lesson he taught on "Who Is Thy Neighbor." He said that all his life he had been told that white people were different from and superior to black people. Having worked with a black man for several years he realized that he was wrong and that such prejudice came from a lack of experience and understanding. He told us that we should constantly and prayerfully examine our ideas and beliefs. That the search for truth should never end.

Uncle Bram Carter who added such grace and dignity to the office of Sunday School Superintendent but could calm even the rowdiest of us with a look! He had such patience with the many children who would sit beside him to learn to sing "parts."

Jimmy Carter who kept the church and grounds so beautifully and who, in the early hours of those cold winter mornings would build the fire in the stove so the church would be warm when it was time for Sunday school. Although he was urged by the church to accept a salary he refused to take any money for all his work that was his service to The Lord.

Uncle Tom Walsh and Grandpa Martin who were always there in their special places on the end of the pews and who seemed happy to answer with patience and honesty the many questions I was always asking.

My parents, Winfrey and Butrice Luffman showed by example what it meant to serve The Lord with their hearts, minds, bodies and souls. They were not only willing to do any thing asked of them, but often volunteered to serve when they saw a need. They were grateful for the talents they'd been given and used them faithfully and joyously in the service of The Lord.

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### JAMES CLYDE & FLORA COLLINS JOHNSON

By: Amy Johnson Brown & The Johnson Children

T o g e t h e r ,  
James Clyde  
Johnson and  
Flora Collins  
Johnson raised  
a family of eight  
children in a  
loving, Christian  
home. They  
were dedicated  
to each other  
and worked  
diligently on



their farm to provide the necessities for their five boys and three girls. As with most families there were many trials and times of grief, but together the family prayed and remained strong. When all five boys and all three son-in-laws served in the military, together the family prayed and all eight men returned home safely. As members of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, dad and mom shared one of their many passions with the church by providing flowers from their garden for the sanctuary on numerous Sunday mornings. Mom's favorite flower was the Iris and dad's favorite was the Daylily. Since mom did not drive, dad helped her carry the arrangements to the church. But that was how they always did things.....together.

*And together, their children and grandchildren are thankful for their love and for the blessing to have been their children and grandchildren.*

# SAM SPICER, AGNES CARTER SMITH AND MORE

By: Sarah Martin Byrd



Agnes Carter Smith

How in the world do you ever thank all the wonderful members of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church for the things they have done for you?

Here is my meager attempt.....

## Opal Collins

If there ever was a woman of virtue it was Opal. Her

dedication to The Lord taught me more than anyone could ever know. I could write an entire book about her.

## Sam Spicer

Since Jerry wouldn't write down his feeling I'll tell it as I saw it. Sam was a great witness to Jerry. Through their love of golf they spent many hours together. Sam was the kind of Christian example Jerry needed to follow. We both sure do miss those "AMENS" during worship service. Jerry will tell you he is a better person for having known Sam. Thank you Sam and Connie for being the best of friends to us, and Connie we could use a piece of your pecan pie anytime.....yum!

## Richard and Nell Thompson

Not only was Richard our deacon for many years he and Nell are/were our friends. Richard's insight and honesty is always a blessing, plus his warm hellos. I really miss singing beside Nell and Mary Norman in the choir, time changes all things.

## Alec and Raydell Carter

I thank Raydell for her firm hand when we were kids at church. If Raydell was around you didn't even think about misbehaving. We need more people like her to teach the younger generation respect. I've always admired Alex's love for history and writing it down. That is becoming a lost art, isn't that a shame.

## Glenn and Mary Lou Byrd

These two people were there for me always, teaching, giving support and advice, encouraging me to be a better person and to always grow in The Lord. They've taught me you're never too old to be God's servant. I've always appreciated their honest answers. Sometimes it wasn't what I wanted to hear, but it was what I needed.

Running out of room.....

Junior Carters wisdom, and Nell's spunk. Mohea Caudill, Odessa Luffman, Ila Layell, Susie Murray, Gerri Thompson, Mary Norman, Lorene Tulbert and more.....I sure do miss those mission meetings, they all taught me so much. Butrice

Luffman's happy birthday phone calls. Greg Newman's zeal for life, (WHO LET THE DOG OUT!!!!) Annette Blackburn's strength. Fred Carter's smile and his family's dedication for taking care of him. Flora Johnson's rock collection. Denise Minton's goodness. Pat Luffman for putting up with rowdy Acteens. Linda Liles silently taking care of people. Terry Collins and her love for the church, and Nonnie's strength. The Wooten family's friendship. Larry and Kay Trivette's singing and Pam McLean's voice. Harvey Settle taking care of the elderly and visiting. Evelyn Adams hard work, and just seeing her sitting on the front pew of the old sanctuary, or walking down the road. The Quartets beautiful harmony. Debbie Garner's children's church. Christie and Mark Burcham's talent. Steve Martin, Jeff Walsh, Winfrey Caudill, Charlie Sealey, and Steve and Diane Bowers soulful singing and picking. Homer Greene's elegant and heart felt preaching, Jimmy's Sunday School class .....

So many more.....

## Agnes Carter Smith

My words will not reflect the great admiration I have for her. If it hadn't been for Agnes coming to pick me up, down an old dusty road when I was a young girl and taking me to church I may have turned out a very different person. Thank you Miss Aggie (that's what I call her,) for being a noble, caring witness to me. I am forever indebted to you.

So much more I could say about so many others, thanks to you all.



BRAMLET JONES  
CARTER

By: Billy Carter

This story was told to me by my father, Ed Carter, Jr., many years ago. He said that after the building committee was chosen in December 21, 1907 and plans for the church building started that his Grandfather Bramlet Jones Carter was chosen to haul the lumber with a team and wagon. They bought the lumber from a saw mill at Doughton, N.C. It was a small settlement by today's standards but back in the mid to late 1800s it was almost as big as Elkin. It was right at the foot of the mountains to the left of what is now Highway 21. Years later the E and A Railroad dead ended at Doughton. It was about twelve miles from Pleasant Ridge so it was a good day's journey there and back. I don't know how many trips it took to get all the lumber hauled with a team and wagon but I'd say quite a few. And most of the trips he made his ten-year-old son Bryan would go along to help. This was my great uncle who was more like a grandfather to me because I never new my grandfather for he died before my time. But anyway the lumber got hauled, the church got built and here we are 100 years later.



## THOMAS JEFFERSON & SOPHIA ELLER WALSH

By: Jeff Walsh



Uncle Tom and Sophie, as they were known by many, along with their six children: Zollie, Gentry, Iona, Odell, Maude and Luther

moved to Pleasant Ridge Community in 1921. Their relocation was made possible in part by the help of Rev. L.B. Murray, the church's first pastor. Rev. Murray met the Walsh family while preaching in the Beaver Creek Community of Wilkesboro. Rev. Murray assisted the Walsh family by providing a home for them to relocate in the community.

Uncle Tom had lost an arm in a sawmill accident as a teenager. The loss of his arm did not keep him from providing for his family. Uncle Tom engineered several prostheses that assisted him in farming. For example, he made a knife used for pruning and a hook that would enable him to plow with his mule, Mandy.

The Walsh family provided care for the Harris family in their elderly years which eventually led to the inheritance of much of the Harris farm.

The couple were faithful members of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Many visiting revival ministers were fed at their table or given a night's rest under their roof.

Uncle Tom and Sophie never owned an automobile; therefore, they were often seen walking in the community whether to the store, visiting, or to church on Sunday mornings. Uncle Tom was often seen walking and visiting in his later years and never missed a chance to tease children with his missing arm.

The Rev. L.B. Murray's humility and desire to do God's work in assisting the Walsh family lives on today at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, as his granddaughter, Mary Sue Walsh Johnson, is the church pianist and a great grandson, Thomas Jeffery Walsh, is an ordained deacon of the church.

## THOMAS GENTRY & LINDA ELIZABETH CARTER WALSH

By: Susan Johnson Shelton

Gent and Lizzie, as they were known by friends and family, will long be remembered for their commitment to Pleasant Ridge



Baptist church and their love for the community that it served.

Lizzie, daughter of Hillery and Ennis Carter, was born in Pleasant Ridge. Gent, son of Thomas J. and Sophia Walsh, moved from North Wilkesboro during his teenage years. Gent and Lizzie married in 1934. They raised two children, Thomas Rainbow Walsh and Mary Sue (Walsh) Johnson, with Christian values and a strong sense of responsibility toward their community.

Gent and Lizzie were faithful in their attendance and service to the church. They each sang in the choir with Gent occasionally participating in quartet specials during the services. Lizzie taught the Primary Sunday school class for several years. She was an active member of The Women's Missionary Union and enjoyed working with the Primary Class in Vacation Bible School each year.

Many homes in the area enjoyed the bounty from Gent's garden. Gent and Lizzie often opened their homes to host students working as interns for the church or to provide a meal to visiting ministers. Many happy hours were filled with friends and family enjoying some of Lizzie's wonderful cooking or gathered around the piano in their living room singing gospel hymns in the quartet style with Gent's rich bass voice ringing clear.

Strong Christian character and hospitality was always evident in the lives of Gent and Lizzie Walsh. They were always willing to share what they had and who they were with whomever God sent their way. Surely this is what Christ meant when he reminded us to love the Lord with all our heart, mind and soul: and then, to love our neighbor.

## SAM SPICER

By: Daughter, Christine Spicer Greene



Sam Spicer.

When someone says or hears his name, even after his being gone almost 12 years, you will see an immediate smile. My dad (Papa Sam to his grandchildren) loved and enjoyed life. He loved the church, the community, and of

course his family and neighbors, and prayed for them regularly. I think all of this was because he knew God's love, and felt it for his fellow man. He also had a wonderful wife, (Connie) my mom, who is definitely the Proverbs woman we read about in the Bible; and I know firsthand how much difference that made in how he lived.

My dad was one of the greatest Christians I ever knew. He was quick to tell you, though, that he was a sinner saved by grace. He made mistakes as all of us do. Patience was not his best characteristic. The other side of that, though, was that he saw things that needed doing, and was ready and willing to do them, especially when it meant helping others.

When Jeff Vogler preached Dad's funeral, he talked about how he was an encourager. Dad was someone everyone enjoyed being around, because he made you feel good with his words and actions. He was upbeat, positive, and lively. He was one of those people that would "rather burn out than rust out". It is amazing what all he did the last day of his life. He was "no respecter of persons" and taught his children that value. He talked with us about "laying up treasures in heaven". Dad was not rich in worldly possessions, but was rich in friends. The visitation was on a Saturday, and lasted four hours. His death happened on a Friday morning so some people had not heard about his home going, or there would have been many more.

Dad was always a leader (deacon, song leader, Sunday school teacher) in the

church. Center Baptist in Thurmond is where my two sisters, brother, and I grew up. My dad assisted in mine and my oldest sister's baptism on a Father's Day when I was about 9 years old. We visited a lot of other churches, especially for singings, as we did not have a full time minister. Though I am not musical, many of those songs are in my head and heart and taught me good values. Dad knew about Pleasant Ridge even those many years ago when Butrice Luffman worked as Missionary with the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, because she came to Center Church to hold Vacation Bible Schools. Dad usually took us to VBS at Pleasant View Baptist Church also. Mrs. Luffman would ask me to assist her, so I think those opportunities she gave me, along with the model of my dad, helped to develop some leadership skills, as some years later I assisted in VBS at Elkin Valley and other churches.

Dad was a giver. Even after retirement, when he hauled all that "stuff" on old "Sanford", he would tithe, not 10 but 15% of what he made to the church. We learned from his example that it is in giving that you receive! And that everything we have belongs to God anyway. He lets us keep 90%! We are to share the time, talents, and treasures with which he has blessed us.

After college and getting married, my parents' example was a primary reason that after a move, the first thing we did was find a church home. Because of job and other changes, I have been a member of eight other churches.

Besides my own faith and commitment to our Lord, I know one of the reasons I'm at Pleasant Ridge (besides helping my mother) is that I am trying to continue the legacy of my dad by joining in doing God's work here. And when Dad comes into my thoughts, or someone mentions him, I smile and continue to feel the love he had for me, our family, and all of you.



## THE FAITHFUL

By: Sue Blackburn

As I recall growing up at Pleasant Ridge Baptist church there were so many who were always there each service. I can't just write about any one person.

As my memory takes me back I remember Uncle Winfrey and Aunt Butrice Luffman. Uncle Winfrey was the singing leader. I remember him stopping in the middle of a song, saying to the congregation; you all have a mouth open it and sing, then he would continue. He also taught a singing school in the old church.

I see Bryant and Tessie Carter, Uncle Tom and Aunt Verlie Davis, Uncle Hubert and Aunt Sarah Jane Martin. Grandpa Dolf Martin (Hubert's dad), we all called him grandpa. Edna Thompson, Gurney and Wilsie Draughn, Will and Gertha Carter, Bram and Omie Carter, Uncle Curt and Aunt Lexie Luffman, Uncle Mode Layell, Jim Carter, Ruby Hamby, and Aunt Ennis Carter. Grandpa Luther and Grandma Alice Luffman, mama and daddy Ledford and Flora Tucker, Amy and Iona Luffman, Gent and Lizzie Walsh, Lydia Bauguess, Jim Carter, Sallie Norman (Winnie Ross' mother), Grace Lewis, Odessa Luffman, John and Mattie Carter, and Loton and Dossie Adams. Myrtle Carter, Uncle Tom and Sophia Walsh, and Maude Walsh (Gent's Parents). Uncle Tom had a wooden arm.

Jerelene and Wiley Darnell, Mohea Caudill, Bee Spencer, Clyde and Lula Mae Norman, Warren and Winnie Ross, Winnie Luffman, Burr and Lois Hutchinson. I remember Ralph and Opal Collins when they started to our church; she played the piano, and did as long as she could.

Clyde and Flora Johnson, she grew flowers and would bring a large vase for all to see and enjoy. Clinton and Mary Norman, they were also the training union leaders, and we all spent a lot of time with them at the Carter Falls, Clinton was also the Boy Scout leader.

This is not a complete list as there were others who were there also. This is just to name some who stand out in my mind and were always so faithful to be at church.

## HOMER GREENE

By: Stephen Harris



At the conclusion of Vacation Bible School, I think the year was 1969; we young people performed a skit in place of the Sunday morning sermon. In the play I had a line, "my old man don't have one red cent." I happened to be wearing bright red jeans that were in style at the time

After the play, Preacher Homer Greene got up and ad-libbed, " He may not have a red cent, but he sure does have some red pants."

A 13-year old loves that kind of recognition. I'll always appreciate Preacher Greene's attention, love and sense of humor, and appreciate Mrs. Greene for teaching us during VBS and producing the play.

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### Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14

**"Now all has been heard here is the conclusion of the matter; fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.**

**For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil."**

## THOMAS RAINBOW WALSH

By: Family and Friends



**The White Miniature Church**, built by Thomas Rainbow Walsh

Thomas was the son of Gentry "Gent" and Lizzie Carter Walsh he grew up in The Pleasant Ridge Community. He was a former member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Tom moved away from this community, but always loved to come back to his old home

church, so much that he was inspired to use his talent and build a miniature of the first white church here at Pleasant Ridge.

I am sure a lot of joyful work went into building the little white church. When it was finished Tom stood back and took a look with pride and reminiscenced about his relatives and friends who first built and attended the original church.

By building this church, it certainly showed that Tom had a love for his childhood church. Now when the little white church is all lit up with the windows aglow his children and grandchildren can take great pride in saying Pa built this.

Tom's son Jeff Walsh is now a member and deacon of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

## HARVEY L. SETTLE

(JUNE 30, 1934 - OCT. 18, 2005)

By: Millie Settle

Harvey was the son of Clifton and Flossie Lyons Settle. He was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church where he served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, brotherhood member and fellowship hall committee.



Harvey was a man who loved the Lord Jesus Christ. One of his ways of showing his love was serving others through giving, visiting or whatever the need, he was willing to help. He was a businessman who came in contact with a lot of people, some who worked for him and had needs in different ways. He did his very best to see that those needs were taken care of. I as his wife have seen him go far and beyond to help someone in his place of business.

Harvey was Poppa to his grandchildren; he liked his special time with each one of them. Days when he was in his office he would call one of them up and say; come by I want to talk to you for a little while, just he and them. He was truly the foundation of his family, who we all miss more than we can put into words.



## HARVEY L. SETTLE

By: Eddie, Shelia, Melissa and Matthew Settle

When Harvey Settle's service to the Lord through Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and Community began, God had a plan. Harvey's main calling was administering to the needs of the widows in the community. He took ownership of this service. He would not wait on someone to point something out that needed doing; instead, he did it before most folks realized it needed to be done.

Matthew 6:3 states: "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." Papa never boasted about what he did for others. Whether it was buying tires for someone, giving money, or simple visiting and praying, he considered it his Christian duty and a privilege to serve God in this capacity. He quietly fulfilled this responsibility in the church and community through regular visits which usually, in season, included some fresh fruit or vegetables from his garden. Papa did not say much about what he was doing, but his grandchildren and family knew he was always doing this. Anytime we dropped by, there was a bag or bucket of something sitting on his carport that he was getting ready to take to someone. We've all heard the saying, "Actions speak louder than words." Papa's actions were his testimony; they were what were in his heart. If he never spoke a word, you would know he loved Jesus.

What we have each learned through his Christian journey in this life is what it means to serve God. We are not all called to do the same thing, but we can take the talents God has given us and be useful vessels for His kingdom. Although we may not have an outstanding talent, we know, "Little is Much When God is in it." As little as visiting and taking fruits and vegetables were, the blessing it was to folks was big.

## DENISE SETTLE MINTON

(JUNE 6, 1962 – AUG. 7, 1994)

By: In Loving Memory, From Her Family



Denise was the daughter of Harvey and Millie Holbrook Settle, she had one brother Eddie. On August 27, 1983 Denise married Jackie Minton at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Pastor of the church

Reverend Glenn Byrd performed the ceremony. Denise was the mother of Logan and Emily, who she adored.

Denise was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and sister-in-law. On August 7, 1994 Denise left this life to go be with her Heavenly Father at the age of thirty-two years. Everyone who knew her, especially her family, misses her.



## PENNY LILES

By: Your family and church family

Penny Liles attended Princeton Theological Seminary from 2003-2007, where she received her Master of Divinity and Master of Arts with a concentration in Youth Ministry. She is currently working at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School in Rabun Gap, GA. Eventually she would like to work for a non-profit organization doing some type of social justice.

We are so proud of your hard work and dedication to the Lord.

## *Church Clerks*

1907 October 19 .....	D.F. McCann	1973 October 1 .....	Nell Carter
1917 October 27 .....	C.E. McCann	1975 October 1 .....	Joe Golden
1923 February 10.....	Winfrey Luffman	1979 October 1 .....	Pat Luffman
1932 November 13.....	Bramlet Carter	1980 October 1 .....	Opal Collins
1939 September 24.....	E.A. Carter	1981 October 1 .....	Joe Golden
1942 July 12 .....	Hubert Martin	1982 October 17 .....	Mary J. Norman
1949 September 11 .....	Burr Hutchison	1985 October 16 .....	Cathy Sidden
1953 September 13.....	Hilary Alex Carter	1987 October 4.....	Oleene Harris
1963 October 1 .....	E.A. Carter, Jr.	1990 October 17 .....	Billy Carter
1968 October 1 .....	J. Frank Luffman	1993 May 19.....	Molly Johnson
1972 October 1 .....	Sharon Golden	1996 September 18.....	Tammy Caudle

## *Sunday School Superintendents*

1914 .....	Esta (Mrs. L.B.) Murray	1932 .....	Walter Carter
1917 .....	D.F. McCann	1933 .....	Winfrey Luffman
1918 .....	Lillie Carter	1934 .....	Clay Burchette
1921 .....	Esta (Mrs. L.B.) Murray	1936 .....	Butrice Luffman
1922 .....	E.L. Golden	1937 .....	Bramlet Carter
1923 .....	Esta (Mrs. L.B.) Murray	1950 .....	Hubert Martin
1924 .....	Winfrey Luffman	1951 .....	Bramlet Carter
1925 .....	Grace Harris	1963 .....	Ralph Collins
1926 .....	Walter Carter	1990 .....	Tommy Liles
1927 .....	Bryan Carter	1994 .....	Todd Garner
1930 .....	Esta (Mrs. L.B.) Murray	2000 .....	Steve Martin
1931 .....	C.B. Spencer		



# *Affiliations*

Elkin Baptist Association & Baptist State Convention of North Carolina  
Southern Baptist Convention

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church is one of 20 churches making up the **Elkin Baptist Association**. A voluntary cooperation both with the state and national conventions, the member churches rotate bi-annual fall and spring meetings. Member churches are those that abide by the scriptural adherence of public professions of faith and trust in Jesus Christ and scriptural believers baptism by immersion. A Director of Missions is employed by the Association to coordinate work of the Association.

Messengers are appointed by each church to participate and report back to their respective churches. Pastors, as well as members, serve in various leadership roles and on a number of committees carrying out the work of the association. An annual report is published by the Association with limited copies given to churches. Copies are housed in the Association Library and are available to churches and members.. The Association publishes a monthly newsletter called LEAF.

## Purposes of the Elkin Baptist Association:

- 1) Cultivation of closer bonds of fellowship, sympathy, mutual understanding, and familial love
- 2) Counseling together in plans and programs for the strengthening and enlargement of God's kingdom
- 3) Promotion of and participation in missions, Christian education, evangelism, and benevolent ministries, in cooperation with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention

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**Baptist State Convention of North Carolina** is made possible by gifts from member churches through the Cooperative Program missions giving and the annual NC Missions Offering.

Located in Cary near Raleigh, it serves numerous churches across the state. Churches make up 81 associations that are grouped into 10 regions making it easier for the convention to assist churches. See web-site at [www.ncbaptist.org](http://www.ncbaptist.org). Pleasant Ridge is in Region 7, Elkin Baptist Association (20 churches). Before 1974, it was a member of the Stone Mountain Association (30 churches).

Governance of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is a cooperative activity. It reflects historic principles of Baptists relative to autonomy of the local church, and the desire of churches to work cooperatively in outreach to the world. It involves participation and actions by messengers from cooperating churches at the Annual Session. It also includes daily work and management oversight provided throughout the year by those chosen for various leadership positions.

How do Baptists manage this process whereby they maintain local autonomy, work cooperatively, and have effective statewide programs? The details of how this is done are spelled out in documents such as articles of incorporation and bylaws available on the convention's website at [www.ncbaptist.org](http://www.ncbaptist.org).

From Sunday School to Discipleship; from Music/Worship to Leadership Development; from Preschool/Children to Senior Adults, and much, much more, the Convention is committed to Life Transformation through the missions and ministries of North Carolina Baptist churches. The staff is available to serve our churches. We need to let them know how they can be of assistance to individuals and to our church.

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A directory of staff is included on the website along with a calendar of events and all information related to the Convention as well as various helpful links to other resources.

Facilities below, operated by the Convention, are sites where many of the conferences, workshops, retreats, and training sessions are held:

Caraway Conference  
Caswell (Fort Caswell)  
Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute  
Hollifield Conference Center  
Truett Baptist Camp  
Asheboro  
Oak Island / Caswell Beach  
Hendersonville  
Conover  
Hayesville





# *Southern Baptist Convention*

The national organization of Southern Baptists was organized in 1845 in Augusta, Georgia. Since that time the **Southern Baptist Convention** (SBC) has grown to over 16 million members who worship in more than 42,000 churches in the United States, Canada, Guam and the Caribbean, as well as sponsoring more than 5,000 foreign missionaries in 153 nations of the world.

The term "Southern Baptist Convention" refers to both the denomination and its annual meeting. (2007 meeting was held in San Antonio, Texas) Working through 1,200 local associations and 41 state conventions and fellowships, Southern Baptists share a common bond of basic Biblical beliefs and a commitment to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world. The fact that Jesus died for our sin, was buried, and then rose from the grave is foundational for Southern Baptists. He lives today and stands ready to give abundant and eternal life to all those who repent of sin and place their faith in Him. Southern Baptists invite everyone to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Baptists represent more than a third of church members in the United States. More than 40 percent of all Baptist churches are affiliated with the SBC.

The Executive Committee of SBC was formed in 1917 and established its offices in Nashville, Tennessee in 1927. More than 80 representatives chosen from qualified state conventions make up the committee. Among other tasks, the Committee reviews and distributes the monies Southern Baptists give in support of denominational ministries, acts as the recipient and trust agency for all Convention properties, and provides public relations and news services.

SBC agencies and organizations include not only the Executive Committee, but also Baptist2Baptist, BP News, BP Sports, SBC Annual Meeting, SBC Life, Cooperative Program, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, Historical Library, North American Mission Board, LifeWay Resources, Southern Baptist Foundation and GuideStone Financial Resources. Seminaries include Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Seminary Extension. Women's Missionary Union (WMU) is an auxiliary to the SBC.

The Website ([www.SBCnet](http://www.SBCnet)) is an extensive resource about SBC and all the organizations and programs it sponsors. If you want more information and do not have a computer, ask our local church (office 874-2875) to get it for you. Public libraries also give you access to computer.

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## **Psalm 7:7**

**"Let the assembled people gather around you. Rule over them from on high."**

# Statistics Summary

Year	Baptisms	Other additions	Total Members	Sunday School Enrollment	Average Weekly Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Music Ministry	Women's Missionary Union	Brotherhood	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Total Missions Expense	Value of Church Property
2006	7	14	477	201	135	127	97	83	50	\$311,590	\$18,281	\$3,300	\$46,339	\$2,300,000
2005	12	-	459	187	138	108	68	62	30	-	-	\$3,200	-	\$2,150,500
2004	3	3	459	177	140	106	68	62	25	\$383,100	\$15,700	\$3,600	\$37,890	\$2,150,500
2003	2	-	457	238	150	129	79	72	43	\$297,535	\$18,646	\$3,600	\$48,250	\$2,150,500
2002	2	2	460	266	200	168	83	56	40	\$300,280	\$13,268	\$3,500	\$34,613	-
2001	13	23	457	327	185	176	83	116	28	\$304,694	\$14,800	\$2,200	\$31,776	-
2000	10	12	451	266	170	122	74	116	45	\$281,659	\$14,210	\$2,400	\$29,576	-
1999	4	6	445	337	181	121	64	117	38	\$232,284	\$13,293	\$2,554	\$32,719	-
1998	6	7	437	382	181	199	77	117	45	\$282,910	\$14,893	\$3,811	\$33,359	-
1997	18	32	434	287	175	154	78	99	172	\$193,867	\$15,377	\$5,000	\$40,399	\$950,000
1996	6	-	376	276	185	155	61	97	95	\$161,519	\$15,092	\$5,620	\$32,133	\$730,000
1995	13	11	376	257	166	142	100	70	38	\$172,783	\$13,467	\$6,734	\$38,473	\$730,000
1994	7	6	356	239	158	152	57	82	30	\$116,446	\$9,183	\$4,599	\$23,290	\$705,000
1993	23	19	341	240	160	202	75	64	29	\$93,280	\$8,606	\$4,116	\$22,302	\$705,000
1992	2	6	341	224	144	208	69	65	23	\$102,892	\$8,206	\$4,103	\$22,718	\$700,000
1991	14	3	336	225	136	171	68	70	21	\$102,301	\$7,920	\$3,642	\$19,851	\$700,000
1990	5	5	323	227	132	160	68	69	31	\$109,249	\$7,362	\$3,089	\$17,410	\$700,000
1989	1	3	322	225	133	130	64	74	30	\$89,900	\$7,512	\$2,954	\$17,703	\$700,000
1988	1	2	323	232	132	112	53	70	28	\$77,810	\$6,371	\$2,550	\$15,937	\$700,000
1987	7	6	324	225	124	96	60	70	24	\$84,647	\$5,242	\$1,935	\$13,958	\$400,000
1986	6	6	321	224	123	105	45	67	20	\$73,454	\$5,725	\$1,741	\$12,145	\$362,800
1985	5	5	314	218	121	79	54	64	20	\$67,720	\$4,747	\$1,405	\$11,625	\$362,800
1984	4	8	310	191	107	-	54	51	8	\$58,033	\$4,576	\$1,203	\$10,258	-
1983	4	1	313	181	-	69	50	44	9	\$54,126	\$4,502	\$1,016	\$10,210	\$357,000
1982	3	2	314	173	104	61	40	43	8	\$56,173	\$4,914	\$983	\$11,121	\$350,000
1981	6	2	321	171	110	-	27	38	-	\$49,199	\$3,746	\$618	\$8,750	\$322,200
1980	7	4	329	177	111	62	28	39	-	\$47,886	\$3,607	\$405	\$8,448	\$322,200
1979	11	3	321	174	113	52	22	42	-	\$45,471	\$2,936	\$420	\$8,316	\$322,200
1978	2	3	315	177	121	81	48	33	-	\$45,675	\$2,194	\$420	\$6,626	\$322,200
1977	-	4	313	181	113	119	30	49	-	\$35,047	\$1,600	\$385	\$3,386	\$307,200
1976	4	2	314	183	114	57	48	45	7	\$32,822	\$750	\$230	\$2,807	\$250,000
1975	6	2	314	217	120	64	52	38	-	\$35,042	\$1,500	\$360	\$3,679	\$250,000
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Elkin Baptist Association



# *The Constitution And By-laws Of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church*

State Road, North Carolina

This constitution rescinds all rules and laws previously adopted by the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. This constitution adopted by the church on September 14, 1988.

## **PREAMBLE**

For the purpose of preserving and making secure the principles of our faith and to the end that this body be governed in an orderly manner, consistent with the Elkin Baptist Association, the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, and for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual member of the church, and to set forth the relationship of this body to other bodies of the same faith, we do adopt and establish this constitution.

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

This body shall be known as the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church of State Road, North Carolina, Wilkes County.

## **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this body shall be to provide regular opportunities for public worship, to sustain the ordinances, doctrines, and ethics set forth in the New Testament for the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ; to nurture its members through a program of Christian education; to channel its offerings to the support of the objects of the Kingdom of God; to preach, proclaim, and to propagate among all people of the earth, the gospel of the revelation of God through Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. The membership of this church shall be composed of persons who have given evidence of regeneration by the Spirit of God, who have been baptized by immersion, and who have subscribed to the church covenant, articles of faith, and the constitution of this church and who have been received into membership by vote of the church.

Section 2. A member of another Baptist Church may be received by a vote of the church upon promise of the letter of transfer from the church where membership resides. The applying member will be in a watch-care-relationship until letter of transfer is received from the other church.

Section 3. Any one who has once been a member of a Baptist Church and in consequence of peculiar circumstances has lost that relationship or is not able otherwise to promise a letter of transfer may be received into the fellowship of this church upon a statement of conversion experience satisfactory to the membership, and by a vote of the church.

Section 4. Any person who is a member of a church of different faith and order may be received by vote of the church upon statement of faith, provided he or she has been baptized in a manner consistent with the Statement of Faith. Otherwise, he or she shall be received as a candidate for baptism, and after baptism he or she shall become a member of the church.

Section 5. It shall be the responsibility of members to pattern their lives after the teachings of Christ, to attend regularly the services of the church, to give regularly to its support and to Kingdom causes, to share in its organized work, and to assume the mutual obligations set forth in the church covenant.

Section 6. When a member of this church requests membership in another Baptist church of like faith and order, a letter of transfer may be issued by vote of the church, provided he is in good standing.

Section 7. When a member of this church unites with a church of different faith and order, his membership in this church shall terminate. Upon request of that church, a letter of acknowledgment may be issued by vote of the church, provided he or she is in good standing.

Section 8. The membership of any person who flagrantly and persistently repudiates the obligations inherent in his membership may be terminated by vote of the church. Such action by the church shall be taken only after every reasonable effort has been made to effect reconciliation.

Section 9. Action relative to membership in this church, other than by the provisions stated and described in Sections 1 through 9, will be considered by the church in conference and the decision of the church will be final in each case.

#### **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS**

Section 1. This church shall hold regular meetings for worship, teaching, training, and fellowship.

Section 2. This church shall hold regular meetings for the disposition of all business matters not otherwise provided for, to hear reports from the various organizations, and to consider other matters essential to the spiritual welfare and prosperity of the congregation.

Section 3. Other meetings of the entire church may be set according to the needs of the congregation, provided that no such meeting shall conflict with the regularly scheduled meetings of the entire church.

#### **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

Section 1. The Officers of this church shall be a Pastor and other vocational leadership as needed, i.e., (Minister of Music, Education, and Youth.) Deacons, Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer, and such other officers as shall be required to do the work of the church in any of its departments or organizations. All of these shall be elected by the church and shall be members in good standing at the time of election, except that a pastor or other needed minister (as set forth above) may not be a member until after their call.

#### **ARTICLE VI. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF CHURCH OFFICERS**

##### **A. PASTOR**

Section 1. Whenever a vacancy occurs, a Pastor shall be called by the church to serve until the relationship is dissolved at the request of either the Pastor or the Church. In either case, thirty to sixty days notice shall be given of termination of the relationship, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, with both Pastor and Church seeking to follow the will of God through the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The call of the Pastor shall take place at a meeting especially set for that purpose of which at least one week's notice has been given the membership by public announcement. The election shall be upon the recommendation of a special committee of five selected by the Church to seek out and nominate as Pastor a Minister of the gospel whose Christian character and qualifications fit him for the office.

The committee shall bring only one name at a time for the consideration of the church and no nominations shall be made except by the committee. Election shall be by standing vote or by ballot at the discretion of the congregation with an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting necessary for an extension of a call. Should the Minister recommended by the committee fail to receive a two-thirds vote, the committee will be instructed to seek out another Minister and the meeting at which the vote was taken shall be adjourned without debate.

Section 2. Duties: The Pastor shall have in charge the welfare and oversight of the church; he shall be ex-officio member of all organizations, departments and committees; he may call a special meeting of the Deacons or of any committees, departments, or organization(s) according to procedures which are set forth in this constitution; he shall conduct religious services on regular and special occasions, administer the ordinances, minister to the spiritual needs of the community and the members of the church, and shall have special charge of the pulpit ministry of the church, and shall be given reasonable and adequate time in the preparation for the pulpit ministry. He shall in cooperation with the Deacons, provide for pulpit supply when he is absent, and shall arrange for ministers to assist in revival meetings and in special services required by the church (i.e., licensing and ordaining of Ministers). It shall be his duty to render an effective preaching, teaching, and pastoral ministry through prayer, study and further training when deemed wise and advisable. He shall serve as messenger of the church to all associational, Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention sessions.



### Section 3. Privileges:

1. The Pastor shall be allowed to attend State Baptist Convention, State Evangelism Conference, and other conferences which, in cooperation with the Deacons, he feels a need to attend, and the Deacons concur; with expenses paid.
2. He shall be allowed to attend the Southern Baptist Convention, expenses paid, and he shall be allowed one Sunday off from his regular work in transit to or from the Convention, whichever Sunday is necessary. Pulpit supply paid by church.
3. He shall be granted two weeks per year for vacation, with pay, including two Sundays away from his regular work.
4. He shall be allowed one full day off from his regular work each week. Taken at his discretion, excluding of course, regularly scheduled services of the church.
5. He shall be allowed the following days off: Easter Monday, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and any other holiday which he and the Deacons agree upon. If either of these mentioned falls on Sunday, he will be granted the following day off from work.
6. The Pastor will be privileged to participate four (4) weeks in revivals each year. Pulpit supply will be taken care of, paid for, and arranged by the Pastor. He may participate in other revivals within driving distance of the Church Field, as agreed upon with the agreement and understanding of himself and the Deacons.
7. He shall be granted sick leave as required or demanded by health conditions in cooperation with the compassionate consideration of the Deacons and the attending family Physician. Pulpit supply paid by the church for a reasonable time.

### **B. DEACONS**

There shall be **nine active Deacons** of this church who are physically able to carry out the duties of Deacon. When a Deacon becomes unable to perform the duties of Deacon (attend meetings, assist with ordinances, greet worshipers, visit, etc.) for an extended period of time, another Deacon will be elected and ordained. When a disabled Deacon is able, he will resume his duties. Deacons shall continue for an indefinite period in their respective offices as "servants of God through this church." Vacancies will be filled as needed from those members of the church who have spiritual and scriptural qualifications. They shall be chosen by the church according to the highest number of votes received. (See amendment at end)

Deacons shall at all times consider themselves as servants of the church. With the Pastor, and as the Holy Spirit may direct, they are to consider and make recommendations to the church in matters pertaining to its work and progress; including oversight of the church; assisting the Pastor in visitation, making needs of members known to the Pastor, assisting in the observance of the ordinances; establishing and maintaining fraternal relations with the entire membership of the church, (as near as possible). They shall have general oversight of the upkeep, repair, and use of the church property; and shall supervise the financial program of the church. They shall arrange for regular meetings and such committees as are necessary to the discharge of their duties. The Pastor or Chairman of the Deacons may call the Deacons into special session whenever need for such arises. They shall have a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary elected from the Deacon body.

### **C. TRUSTEES**

There shall be **three Trustees** of this church of whom one shall serve as chairman. The Trustees now serving shall continue to serve for an indefinite period. The Trustees shall, as provided by law and the action of the church, hold in trust the title to all property of the church and shall represent the church in all matters of legal responsibility regarding the purchase, improvement, and disposal of church property. They shall execute all legal papers relating to the church and to the community as the church may direct. They shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any property of the church without a special vote of the church authorizing such action; neither shall they have any control over the use of the church property except by vote of the church.

#### **D. CLERK**

The clerk shall be elected by the church during the annual election of other church officers nominated and recommended by the church nominating committee. It shall be his or her duty to attend all church conferences, unless providentially hindered, in which case he shall have a representative to attend. He or she shall keep an accurate record of the church business transactions. With the aid of the heads of all organizations, and departments, where applicable, he or she shall prepare the annual associational letter and transmit it to the associational clerk. The clerk shall issue letters of dismissal as authorized by vote of the church and shall keep an accurate roll of the church membership, including date and method of admission, change in name, correct mailing address, telephone number and other pertinent information for each member. The clerk shall preserve a true history of the church, including papers, letters, and all records of historical value. All books, records, and information kept by the clerk shall be considered the property of the church.

#### **E. TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall be elected by the church during the annual election of church officers nominated and recommended by the church nomination committee. It shall be his or her duty to attend all church conferences, unless providentially hindered, in which case he or she shall have a representative to attend. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to disburse by check upon proper authority of the church all funds given to the church, keeping at all times as itemized account of receipts and disbursements and rendering regular written reports of the same to the church in conference.

The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually as arranged by the church, and all records kept by him or her shall be considered the property of the church. The Treasurer, shall upon invitation either by the Deacons, or invitation by themselves meet with the Deacons and Finance Committee. He or she shall be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee and Budget Committee. This office may be consolidated with the secretary office.

#### **ARTICLE VII. General**

**Section 1. License:** When a member announces to the church that he feels the call of God to the Gospel ministry and shows evidence of pursuing this call as his life's work, the church, by majority vote, may license him as an acknowledgment of his call, and as further encouragement by the church to make preparation for it. The clerk of the church may furnish the member with a copy of the minutes during which such action was taken, or a certificate of license as his credential. It is understood that the performance of civil duties by the member shall be governed by the state law.

**Section 2. Ordination:** In the event this church has been requested to ordain a member who has been called as Pastor of a Baptist Church of like faith and order, the following procedure shall be observed: The church shall express approval by a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting at any regular or arranged business meeting of the church. Then the church shall invite the Associational Committee on Ordinations to examine the candidate concerning his fitness for the gospel ministry. In the event the association has no such council, then the church shall invite such duly ordained representatives from neighboring churches of like faith and order to constitute the ordaining council and report their findings to the church. Then, in the event the report of the ordaining council is favorable, the church shall proceed with the ordination.

**Section 3. Affiliation with the Association and Conventions:** We recognize that there is mutual helpfulness in the association of churches who are in such agreement in faith and practice as to encourage the spirit of fellowship and good will. We also recognize that there have been devised, through the voluntary co-operation of churches of like faith and order, organizations whose purpose it is to implement the missionary, education, and benevolent interests and obligations of the individual Christian and his church family.

Believing that the Elkin Baptist Association, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Southern Baptist Convention are organizations which have as their sole purpose the promotion and support of missions, education, and benevolence of the character in keeping with the spirit of the constitution and articles of faith of this church, we therefore agree to participate in these organizations through our duly elected messengers and support the causes which these organizations represent.



Section 4. **Withdrawal:** This church may withdraw from affiliation with the Elkin Association in order to join another Baptist Association of like faith and order by a two-thirds majority of the resident members present and voting at a meeting of the church called for this particular purpose. This church may withdraw from affiliation with the conventions by a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident members present and voting, provided notice of such action and vote has been given the church at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the vote is to be taken.

## **ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES**

The church shall elect such committees as may be deemed necessary to carry on its work efficiently and effectively. Unless otherwise designated, the Chairman of Deacons and the Pastor shall appoint all standing committees and designate their Chairman respectively.

In addition to the following standing committees, the church shall authorize such special committees as its needs require and for specific duties not assigned to a standing committee. Unless otherwise designated, the Chairman of Deacons and Pastor shall appoint special committees, and name the Chairman.

The Pastor shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, and such staff members (when the church calls such) shall serve as ex-officio members of all committees relating to their respective areas of responsibility.

Section 1. **Baptism** Committee: Composed of one man and one woman, whose duty it will be to assist the Pastor and the candidates for baptism in the administration of the ordinance. They shall see that the baptismal waters are comfortable; that the equipment is kept in order; and that the baptismal robes are properly cared for.

Section 2. **Budget** Committee: This committee shall consist of 6 members appointed by the Chairman of Deacons and Pastor to serve for 3 years. Two members will rotate off and be replaced annually. This committee shall prepare annually a proposed budget, including local expenses, education, missions, and benevolences, and shall submit the proposed budget to the church at the regular business meeting in October, after approval and recommendations by the Deacons. All expenditures exceeding \$500.00, not included in the budget shall be approved by the church.

A copy of the proposed budget will be given to every member and should be in the hands of every church family prior to its presentation to the church in October. After presentation and discussion, the budget will be adopted by the church.

Section 3. **Building and Grounds** Committee: This committee shall consist of three who shall be one Deacon and two members at large. It shall be the duty of this committee to give attention to and study the condition, state of repair, appearance, improvement of the buildings, grounds, and equipment, making such repairs and improvements authorized by the church and included in the church budget. This committee is authorized to pay up to \$1000.00 for emergency repair, improvement, or other items deemed an immediate necessity.

Section 4. **Finance** Committee: This committee shall be composed of 2 Deacons and one member at large, appointed by the Chairman of Deacons and Pastor, whose duties shall be to assist the Budget Committee when needed; audit the church's financial status, audit the Treasurer's books at least once each year, reviewing monthly the budget to see that it is being carried out according to the vote of the church; to check the financial condition in respect to indebtedness, raising funds for special emphasis's. They shall confer with organizational officers, and other committees specifically authorized to expend church funds. This committee shall be assisted by the remaining Deacons.

Section 5. **Floral** Committee: This committee shall consist of three members and the Pastor. This committee is authorized to pay the reasonable amount for a nice floral arrangement in the name of the church for all deceased members of the church and immediate members of the family: father, mother, husband, wife, brother, sister, and child. This committee shall also be responsible for the floral arrangement in the church each Lord's day, and on other such special occasions demanding floral displays.

Section 6. Lord's Supper Committee: This committee shall be composed of the Deacons' wives and they shall be responsible for the preparation of the Lord's Supper. They shall see that the linens and utensils are properly cleaned and cared for.

Section 7. Kitchen Committee: This committee shall consist of four members. Their duty shall be to supply, purchase and protect all dining and kitchen equipment. They shall also be responsible for the scheduling of the use of such equipment so as to avoid conflict. They shall recommend to the church any selection and design of such equipment to be used. They are authorized to pay up to \$200.00 for immediate emergency supplies per year without formally presenting same to the church. They shall keep an up-to-date inventory of all kitchen and dining equipment at all times. They shall ask for specific dates and times as to when the kitchen is desired to be used by various groups and all groups are to inform the committee of the date they desire kitchen use. Each group using kitchen shall be responsible for cleaning after use.

Section 8. Nominating Committee: This committee shall consist of 6 members, appointed by the Pastor and Chairman of Deacons. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to select and nominate to the church persons to serve in offices necessary for the operation of the church and its' mission. It shall be their duty to nominate persons to fill the unexpired term of such offices as may be vacated from time to time by reason of sickness, death, expiration of term of office, or failure to function. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be suggestive to the church, and any member of the church will have the privilege of a nomination from the floor.

Please note:

**Amendment to Deacon Section 3 B**  
**adopted by church at April 27, 2005 business meeting:**

Vacancies will be filled as needed from among those men who are active members of the church who have the spiritual and scriptural qualifications as found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. The active deacons, after prayerful consideration and examination, shall recommend to the church membership at least two weeks in advance a candidate's name to fill the vacant deacon position. The recommendation from the deacons will be put before the congregation for a ballot vote, with an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting needed for approval. If a two-thirds vote is not received, the deacons will present another name, also giving at least a two-week notice before the vote. This procedure will be followed until the deacon vacancy is filled. If more than one vacancy occurs, this process will be followed for each vacancy until the needed number of active deacons has been reached. Any church member can approach the deacons and recommend a man or men to be considered for deacon.



# BY-LAWS

## Article I. Meetings

Section 1. The church shall hold regular **business meetings** on a definite date and time most agreeable to the congregation. Usually this conference should be held as soon as practicable after the monthly Deacon's meeting. In addition to stated regular conferences, a conference of the church may be called at any time by the Pastor and Chairman of Deacons, or upon the request of any five members of the church who are in good standing, and who are regular in attendance and support, provided the request is stated in writing.

Section 2. The **Lord's Supper** shall be observed in a manner consistent with the desires and needs of the congregation, at least quarterly and on special occasions the church views as appropriate.

## Article II. Church Government

Section 1. The **government** of this church shall be congregational in nature and shall be vested in the membership. Generally speaking, where there is a good spirit of unity among the membership and the spirit of Christ is evident, there is little need for rigid rules of order. However, the church feels it appropriate and wise to adopt some definite guidelines so that proper procedures, policies, rules, and regulations may be carried out in a decent and orderly manner. Roberts Rules of Order will be accepted as the guidelines for conducting any business.

Section 2. **Moderator:** The **Pastor** of the church shall serve as Moderator of all business meetings, unless the business directly affects his person, in which case the Chairman of Deacons will serve as Moderator. In the absence of the Pastor, the Chairman of the Deacons will serve as Moderator; and in the absence of the Chairman of the Deacons, the immediate past Chairman or Vice-Chairman will serve as Moderator.

Section 3. **Quorum:** A quorum shall consist of at least five percent of the resident membership to constitute the transaction of business matters of the church. The church shall keep accurate record of each business meeting and record the approximate members present as to whether a quorum was present and what actions were taken.

Section 4. **Adoption and Amendments:** This Constitution and By-Laws shall be considered and adopted and in immediate effect if and when two-thirds of the members present and voting shall vote in favor of same. Likewise, the Constitution and/or By-Laws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting in favor of same, provided that such amendment, alteration, or repeal shall have been presented to the church at least two weeks prior to the time the vote is taken. Appropriate announcement of such change shall be made to the membership by public means.

## Article III. Other Church Officers

Section 1. In addition to those officers named in the body of the Constitution, other **officers** of the church shall be Secretary, Financial Secretary of Sunday School, Sunday School Director, WMU Director, Brotherhood Director, Librarian, Music Director, Pianist, Organist, Ushers, and Custodian. All officers of the church and its organizations, unless otherwise specified shall be elected for a term of one year.

Section 2. **Director of Sunday School:** The Sunday School Director shall have the general oversight of the entire school, and the Vacation Bible School, working in cooperation with the Deacons and

Pastor. He or she shall administer the affairs of the Sunday School in cooperation with, and according to the plans and methods of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Baptist State Convention, subject always to the approval of the church. He or she shall acquaint themselves and encourage their workers to acquaint themselves with the best methods of religious education and endeavor to adopt them to use in the Sunday School where possible. It shall be his duty to counsel weekly, monthly, and quarterly with his teachers, officers, and workers meeting in the work of the school, giving advice and receiving suggestions.

Section 3. **Music Director:** The Music Director shall be in charge of the entire musical program of the church. The organist, pianist, and the choir directors will work under his or her supervision. In the event that any of these find it necessary to be absent, the Music Director should be notified as soon as possible. Any visitor wishing to perform for the church must be cleared through the Music Director.

Section 4. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall perform all secretarial duties of the church (typing, filing, etc.). He or she shall be employed for an indefinite term of office. He or she will receive wages as recommended by the Budget Committee and approved by the church. He or she will keep office hours as prescribed by the Pastor and the Deacons. The Secretary will work under direct supervision of the Pastor.

Section 5. **WMU Director:** The WMU Director shall seek to enlist all women and girls of the church in a program of missions, training, activities, benevolences and familiarize them with the purposes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 6. **Brotherhood Director:** The Brotherhood Director shall seek to enlist all men and boys of the church in a program of missions, training, activities, benevolences and familiarize them with the purposes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 7. **Pianist and Organist:** It shall be the duty of the pianist and organist to play for all scheduled church services, and other special events being advised as to date and time in advance of such special services as early as possible. The Pianist and Organist shall be responsible to the Music Director. When the Pianist and/or Organist is absent it shall be his or her responsibility to arrange for an acceptable assistant and inform the Music Director of such arrangement with his or her approval.

Section 8. **Custodian:** It shall be the duty of the Custodian to see to the cleanliness, ventilation, and in cooperation with the Building and Grounds Committee, the general upkeep of the building. It shall be his duty to see that special groups using the church facilities, with permission of the church, clean and replace all items removed for their benefit to their original position. In the event of use by special groups, i.e., weddings, receptions, or other special events not included in this section, it shall be the responsibility of the persons using the facility to leave it clean and orderly and ready for use. The Custodian shall see that the interior of the building and furniture is kept neat and clean at all times. He or she shall receive wages recommended by the Deacons and approved by the church.

Section 9. **Ushers:** It shall be the duty of the Ushers to be present at all meetings of the church. The Ushers shall secure a seat for visitors and personally conduct visitors to a seat available. The Ushers shall receive all offerings at regular and special meetings of the church and shall leave the offerings at the altar to be counted by the proper person or persons after each service, unless otherwise directed by the Pastor or Chairman of the Deacons.



# *Church Covenant*

## **ADDENDUM NUMBER ONE Church Covenant**

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian Love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks and beverages; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

## **ADDENDUM NUMBER TWO**

REFER TO "THE BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE"

## **ADDENDUM NUMBER THREE**

FOR CONDUCTING ALL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETINGS WE ACCEPT "ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER".

# Budget 2007

			2006 versus	2007
	2006	2007	\$ Increase/ (Decrease)	% Increase/ (Decrease)
<b>Children and Youth Ministries</b>				
Children's Church	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00%
CHOSEN	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00	0.00%
CHOSEN Camps Grades K-6	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00%
Youth Bible Study	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Youth Camps Grades 7-12	4,500.00	5,500.00	1,000.00	22.22%
<b>Total Children and Youth Ministries</b>	<b>8,250.00</b>	<b>9,250.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>12.12%</b>
<b>Literature and Supplies</b>				
Literature	9,000.00	7,000.00	(2,000.00)	-22.22%
Music	750.00	750.00	0.00	0.00%
Office Supplies/Copier	6,000.00	5,500.00	(500.00)	-8.33%
Card Ministry (cards and stamps)	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00%
Vacation Bible School (activities)	800.00	800.00	0.00	0.00%
Library	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Literature and Supplies</b>	<b>17,550.00</b>	<b>15,050.00</b>	<b>(2,500.00)</b>	<b>-14.25%</b>
<b>Loan on Bullding</b>	<b>92,400.00</b>	<b>88,800.00</b>	<b>(3,600.00)</b>	<b>-3.90%</b>
<b>Missions</b>				
Children's Home	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00%
Cooperative Program 7%	17,719.89	18,274.76	554.87	3.13%
Deacon's Benevolent Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Pastors Benevolent Fund	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00%
Elkin Baptist Association	3,600.00	4,080.00	480.00	13.33%
State Missions	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00%
Tri C 3% (20% of World Hunger)	7,594.24	7,832.04	237.80	3.13%
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>31,414.13</b>	<b>32,686.80</b>	<b>1,272.67</b>	<b>4.05%</b>
<b>Operation Expenses</b>				
Flowers	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00%
Janitor's Supplies	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00%
Kitchen Supplies	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00%
Maintenance	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Groundskeeper	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Property Insurance	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Utilities	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Van Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>37,000.00</b>	<b>37,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Organizations</b>				
Senior Adults	450.00	450.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Organizations</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Other Compensations (Revival/Pulpit Supply)</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>30.00%</b>
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>				
Christmas Gift				
Janitor	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00%
Secretary	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00%
Youth Minister	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00%
Pastor	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Personnell Expenses</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>



		2006 versus Proposed 2007		
		\$ Increase/ (Decrease)	% Increase/ (Decrease)	
2006	2007			
<b>Gifts of Appreciation</b>				
Choir Director	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Organist	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Pianist	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Gifts of Appreciation</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Salaries Full Time</b>				
Pastor Salary	34,184.00	34,184.00	0.00	0.00%
Annuity	3,418.40	3,418.40	0.00	0.00%
Car Expenses	6,103.42	6,103.42	0.00	0.00%
Conventions	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00%
Life & Health Insurance	5,800.00	5,800.00	0.00	0.00%
Social Security	2,615.08	2,615.08	0.00	0.00%
Utilities	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Pastor Salary</b>	<b>55,020.90</b>	<b>55,020.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Youth Minister	6,000.00	12,512.00	6,512.00	108.53%
Youth Minister Car Expenses	0.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	NA
Youth Minister Life Insurance	0.00	344.00	344.00	NA
Social Security Youth Minister	918.00	957.16	39.16	4.27%
<b>Total Youth Minister Salary</b>	<b>6,918.00</b>	<b>19,013.16</b>	<b>12,095.16</b>	<b>174.84%</b>
<b>Total Salaries Full Time</b>	<b>61,938.90</b>	<b>74,034.06</b>	<b>12,095.16</b>	<b>19.53%</b>
<b>Other Staff (Part Time) Salaries</b>				
Janitor	11,364.36	11,700.00	335.64	2.95%
Social Security Janitor	1,738.74	1,790.10	51.36	2.95%
Secretary	8,195.45	6,300.00	(1,895.45)	-23.13%
Social Security Secretary	1,253.90	963.90	(290.00)	-23.13%
<b>Total Other Staff Part Time Salaries</b>	<b>22,552.45</b>	<b>20,754.00</b>	<b>(2,134.09)</b>	<b>-9.46%</b>
<b>Special Ministries</b>				
Van Ministries	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	NA
Centennial Celebration	0.00	500.00	500.00	NA
Programs/Plays	250.00	0.00	(250.00)	-100.00%
Special Music/Groups	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Brotherhood	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00%
WMU	500.00	200.00	(300.00)	-150.00%
<b>Total Special Ministries</b>	<b>1,850.00</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>	<b>(550.00)</b>	<b>-29.73%</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>278,455.48</b>	<b>287,174.86</b>	<b>8,719.38</b>	<b>3.13%</b>
<b>OFFERING NEEDED EACH WEEK</b>	<b>5,354.91</b>	<b>5,522.59</b>	<b>167.68</b>	<b>3.13%</b>

# Church Schedule & Staff Directory

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## CHURCH SCHEDULE

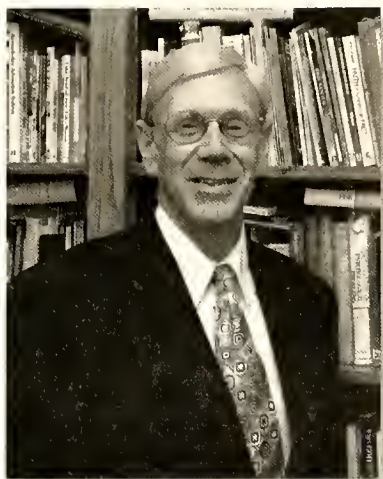
<b>Sundays</b>	Sunday School Assembly	9:45 – 10:00AM, Classes: 10:00 – 10:45
	Worship	11:00 – noon
	Hand bell practice (as announced)	3:00 PM
	Youth	6:00 PM
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Adult Bible Study	7:00 – 7:45 PM
	Youth, RAs, GAs, Mission Friends	7:00 PM
	Adult Choir practice	8:00 PM
	Business meeting - 3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM
	Fellowship Supper - 4th Wednesday	6:00 PM

Nurseries provided for babies up to age 2 and Toddlers  
Vacation Bible School (VBS) held one week each summer at night.  
Revival (4 nights) may be held in spring and/or fall.  
Adult Missions organizations – see Missions section

## CHURCH STAFF Directory

<b>Pastor</b> since Nov. '01	Daniel Merritt 109 North Street State Road NC 28676	336-874-2092	
<b>Youth Director</b> since Sept. 06	Tim DeBord Uplands Reach Conf. Center PO Box 830 Millers Creek NC 28651	336-667-7740	927-5361 cell
<b>Secretary</b> since Aug. 88	Hilda Hanks 3321 Austin-Traphill Rd. Elkin NC 28621	336-526-2002	Office hours: 9 AM-noon Tue-Wed-Thur
<b>Custodians</b> since Aug. 96	Vickie and Buddy Collins 128 Russell Creek Road State Road NC 28676	336-874-2790	
<b>Musicians:</b>			
<u>Choir Director</u> Melinda Cockerham 336-957-2793 4412 Mining Ridge Ch. Rd. State Road NC 28676	<u>Organist</u> Sharon Wooten 336-874-2887 2116 Pleasant Ridge Rd. State Road NC 28676	<u>Pianist</u> Mary Sue Johnson 336-874-8250 1529 Preacher Field Rd. Elkin NC 28621	





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**Tim DeBord**  
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**Sharon Wooten**  
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**Mary Sue Johnson**  
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# *Volunteer Staff*

Church Year: September 2007 – August 2008

Ephesians 4:11-13: It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be build up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

How many people does it take to "run" Pleasant Ridge Church as the next 100 years begins? Besides the paid staff (see pages \_\_\_\_ ) at Pleasant Ridge, numerous volunteer members are elected for various unpaid positions of leadership. The Nominating Committee usually presents a list for voting at the last business meeting of the year (3rd Wednesday night in August). The following were elected at a special called business meeting on August 29, 2007.

## **GENERAL OFFICERS**

Bell Ringer – Wesley Martin  
Children's Church Director – Emily Norman  
Children's Story Director – Debbie Garner, Diane Bowen assistant  
Clerk – Tammy Caudle  
Deacons – Jimmy Caudle-Chairman; Edward Darnell, Todd Garner, Dickie Luffman, Teddy Norman, Chris Reeves, Eddie Settle, Jeff Walsh, Roger Wooten  
Nursery Director (Worship Service) – Amy Spicer  
Tellers – Edward Darnell, Tom Liles, Dickie Luffman, Mickie Martin, Teddy Norman, Richard Thompson  
Treasurer – Hilda Hanks, Alene Luffman assistant  
Trustees – Teddy Caudill, Dickie Luffman, Roger Wooten  
Ushers – Teddy Norman  
Van – Mike Burton, Bill Luffman, Roger Wooten  
Vacation Bible School Director – Denise Walsh  
Web Page – Dan Merritt, Jim Peterson, Charlie Sealey

## **BAPTIST ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES**

Executive Messengers – Pastor, Dan Merritt; Chair of Deacons, Jimmy Caudle  
Messengers to Annual Meetings (Last Thursday - October, April) – Diane & Steve Bowen, Jim & Gaye Peterson, Chris & Kari Reeves, Jeff Walsh. Alternates- Ed Darnell, Dickie & Pat Luffman



## COMMITTEES

BAPTISM: Jeremy & Amanda Carter, Buddy & Vicky Collins, Scott & Kathy Martin

BUDGET: 2005-2007 Rodney Norman & Amy Spicer  
2006-2008 Tommy Liles & Shelia Settle  
2007-2009 Judy Hackney & Dickie Luffman

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Buddy & Vicky Collins, Bill Hanks, Dickie Luffman,  
Sue Norman

CARD MINISTRY: Kathy Skywalker

CEMETERY: Alex Carter, Billy Carter, Steve Martin, Jeff Walsh, Artis White

CHOSEN: Melinda Cockerham, Anita Darnell, Todd & Debbie Garner,  
Karen Sealey, Dana Walker

FINANCE & AUDIT: Chris Reeves, Charlie Sealey, Denise Walsh

FLORAL: Pat & Pearl Luffman

F.O.L.K.S.: Raydell Carter, Eva Lawrence, Alene Luffman, Pat Luffman

HANGING OF THE GREEN: Debbie Garner, Hilda Hanks, Sue Norman,  
Karen Sealey, Amy Spicer, Donna Watson

HISTORIANS: Nick Brown, Alex Carter, Billy Carter, Christine Greene,  
Winnie Luffman, Agnes Smith

KITCHEN: Lowell & Sue Blackburn, Nancy & Tom Carter, Janice & Paul Gentry,  
Jim & Gay Peterson, Kathy Skywalker, Billy & Laura Beamer

LIBRARY: JoAnn Carter, Christine Greene, Judy Hackney, Mary J. Norman, Lorene Tulbert

LORD'S SUPPER: Wives of Deacons

NEW MEMBERS: Tammy Caudle, Hilda Hanks, Jim Peterson

NOMINATING: Annette Blackburn, Jimmy Caudle, Melinda Cockerham, Bill Hanks,  
Steve Martin, Shelia Settle, Sharon Smith

SOUND SYSTEM: Danny Darnell, Sandy Spicer, Jeff Walsh

TAPE MINISTRY: Willie Baldwin, Raydell Carter, Teddy Norman

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Todd & Debbie Garner, Jill & Larry Martin, Kathy & Scott Martin

## **MISSION ORGANIZATIONS**

Adult: Brotherhood Director – Bill Hanks

WMU Director – Sharon Smith

Groups: High Spirits, Mission Sisters, Sisters in Christ

Children: Meet on Wednesday nights at 7 PM

Mission Friends – Lori Collins, Shirley Merritt

GA's (grades 1-3) – Debbie Garner, Karen Sealey

RA's (grades 1-3) – Darrell Blackburn, Jeremy Carter, Reid Norman

GA's & RA's (grades 4-6) – Amanda Carter, Kathy Macemore

Youth: (last Wed of month) - Annette Blackburn

## **MUSIC**

Choir Director – Melinda Cockerham, John Sidden assistant

Hand Bells Director – Linda Mastin, Sharon Smith assistant

Music Makers Director – Jeannie Carter, Kay Martin, Amy Spicer

Organist – Sharon Wooten, Phyllis Norman assistant

Pianist – Mary Sue Johnson, Linda Mastin assistant

Musical Instrument Committee – Mary Sue Johnson, Phyllis Norman, Roger &  
Sharon Wooten, Jeff Walsh

Special Music Committee – Sandra Martin, Sue Norman, John Sidden, Jeff Walsh

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS & TEACHERS**

Director – Steve Martin

Adult Opening Assembly – Annette Blackburn, Todd Garner, Eddie Settle, Jeff Walsh

Adult SS Secretary – Patricia Darnell

Youth SS Secretary – Steve Martin

Tellers – (see General Officers)

Adult Ladies I – Annette Blackburn, Debbie Shelton, Winnie Luffman assistant

Adult Ladies II – Kari Reeves, Walter Mastin assistant

Adult & Married I – Chris Reeves, Charlie Sealey

Adult & Married II – Jimmy Caudle, Jeff Walsh assistant

Adult & Married III – John Sidden

Adult & Married IV – Winfrey Caudill, Walter Mastin assistant

Adult Men – Roger Wooten, Ray Waddell assistant

Adult Single Ladies – Judy Hackney, Christine Greene assistant

Grades 9-12 – Edward Darnell, Sandra Martin

Grades 7 & 8 – Denise Walsh, Diane & Steve Bowen assistants

Grades 5 & 6 – Linda Liles, Shirley Merritt

Grades 3 & 4 – Pat Luffman, Amanda Carter assistant

Grades 1 & 2 – Jeannie Carter, Kay Martin

Ages 4 & 5 – Sarah Byrd, Melinda Cockerham

Ages 2 & 3 – Rodney & Emily Norman, Tony & Ann Smith

Nursery – Amy (Director) & Sandy Spicer, Dawn & Mike Burton, Lori Collins,  
Matt & Shelia Settle

**II Timothy 2:15: Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**



# Church Membership

1.	Absher, Jerry	53.	Carter, Fred	105.	Collins, Vicky
2.	Alexander, Mildred C.	54.	Carter, Hilary Alexander	106.	Cooke, Dustin
3.	Anthony, Carolyn N.	55.	Carter, James	107.	Cooke, Janet
4.	Baldwin, Willie	56.	Carter, Jan	108.	Cooke, Jo Ann
5.	Ball, ReElla	57.	Carter, Jason	109.	Cooke, Joe
6.	Ball, Sharron	58.	Carter, Jeannie	110.	Cooke, Kerrie
7.	Ball, Vernon	59.	Carter, Jeremy	111.	Cooke, Paula
8.	Barker, Heather	60.	Carter, Jessica	112.	Cooke, Ray
9.	Bauguess, Elaine	61.	Carter, Jo Ann	113.	Cooke, Teresa
10.	Bauguess, Helen S.	62.	Carter, Kim	114.	Couch, Ronald
11.	Beamer, Billy	63.	Carter, Mark	115.	Couch, Herman
12.	Beamer, Laura	64.	Carter, Megan	116.	Couch, Randy
13.	Blackburn, Annette S.	65.	Carter, Nancy	117.	Couch, Stuart
14.	Blackburn, Cheryl B.	66.	Carter, Raydell	118.	Darnell, Anita C.
15.	Blackburn, Dalton	67.	Carter, Taylor	119.	Darnell, Danny Ray
16.	Blackburn, Darrell	68.	Carter, Thomas Lee	120.	Darnell, Edward
17.	Blackburn, Eddie	69.	Caudill, David Ray	121.	Darnell, Jeremy
18.	Blackburn, Lowell	70.	Caudill, David	122.	Darnell, Louise L.
19.	Blackburn, Norma Sue	71.	Caudill, Kevin	123.	Darnell, Patricia L.
20.	Bost, Barbara Carter	72.	Caudill, Margaret	124.	Darnell, Scotty
21.	Bowen, Diane	73.	Caudill, Ray	125.	Davis, Bobby Joe
22.	Bowen, Steve	74.	Caudill, Sybil	126.	Davis, Chris
23.	Boyd, Frankie	75.	Caudill, Teddy	127.	Davis, Melanie W.
24.	Brown, David (Nick)	76.	Caudill, Winfrey	128.	Davis, Regina Luffman
25.	Brown, Maude	77.	Caudle, Annie Ruth L.	129.	Davis, Thelma
26.	Brown, Ruby	78.	Caudle, Bobby	130.	Davis, Tom
27.	Burcham, Jake	79.	Caudle, Dean	131.	Dietz, Allen
28.	Burcham, Kristy	80.	Caudle, Jason	132.	Dietz, Arlene
29.	Burcham, Mark	81.	Caudle, Jimmy	133.	Draughn, Jerry
30.	Burcham, Nellie C.	82.	Caudle, Robert	134.	Draughn, Larry
31.	Burchette, Lillie	83.	Caudle, Tamara	135.	Dunivant, Don
32.	Burton, Dawn L.	84.	Cheek, Bobby	136.	Evans, Charles
33.	Burton, Marley	85.	Cheek, Julia	137.	Evans, Erik
34.	Burton, Michael	86.	Cheek, Larry	138.	Evans, Jo Ann
35.	Byrd, Bridgette	87.	Cheek, Maevasive T.	139.	Evans, Samantha
36.	Byrd, Jerry	88.	Cockerham, Keith	140.	Felts, David
37.	Byrd, Sarah M.	89.	Cockerham, Melinda	141.	Foster, Alicia
38.	Cain, Debbie	90.	Cockerham, Morgan	142.	Garner, Debbie
39.	Cain, Donald	91.	Colbert, Amanda C.	143.	Garner, Todd
40.	Cain, Houston	92.	Colbert, Stacey	144.	Gaskill, Mabel B.
41.	Cain, Sarah	93.	Collins, Amanda	145.	Gentry, Janice
42.	Campbell, Amy W.	94.	Collins, Brittany	146.	Gentry, Paul
43.	Campbell, Brett	95.	Collins, Buddy	147.	Gentry, Tammy
44.	Campbell, Stevie	96.	Collins, Chrissie B.	148.	Gilliam, Linda
45.	Carroll, Kay Hutchison	97.	Collins, Danny	149.	Gilliam, Wayne
46.	Carter, Amanda	98.	Collins, Ethan	150.	Golden, Evelyn C.
47.	Carter, Ashley	99.	Collins, Lisa	151.	Golden, Jan B.
48.	Carter, Bethany	100.	Collins, Lori	152.	Golden, Roger
49.	Carter, Billy	101.	Collins, Nonnie	153.	Golden, Travis
50.	Carter, Bobby	102.	Collins, Nyoka	154.	Greene, Christine S.
51.	Carter, Charles	103.	Collins, Randy	155.	Grob, Josh
52.	Carter, Ethelene	104.	Collins, Shane	156.	Grob, Linda A.

157.	Grob, Paul	212.	Luffman, Christian	267.	McLean, Mike
158.	Hackney, Judy	213.	Luffman, Dale	268.	McLean, Pamela B.
159.	Hanes, Alma Heiss	214.	Luffman, David	269.	Merritt, Jonathan
160.	Hanes, Kathleen L.	215.	Luffman, David	270.	Merritt, Rev. Dan
161.	Hanks, Bill	216.	Luffman, Dicky	271.	Merritt, Shirley
162.	Hanks, Hilda	217.	Luffman, Donald	272.	Minton, Emily
163.	Harris, Greg	218.	Luffman, Eric	273.	Minton, Jackie
164.	Harris, Oleene	219.	Luffman, Everette	274.	Minton, Logan
165.	Hayes, Deloris	220.	Luffman, Frank	275.	Minton, Robin
166.	Hayes, Donald	221.	Luffman, Joan	276.	Monday, Kay
167.	Hayes, Dustin	222.	Luffman, Joey	277.	Monday, Keith
168.	Hayes, Kenneth	223.	Luffman, Joyce	278.	Monday, Robbie
169.	Heard, Joe	224.	Luffman, Nelda Sue	279.	Mooney, Jerry
170.	Heard, Wilda	225.	Luffman, Odessa	280.	Mooney, Pauline
171.	Holbrook, Andrew	226.	Luffman, Pat B.	281.	Myers, John A.
172.	Holbrook, Mamie	227.	Luffman, Pearl H.	282.	Nelson, Brittany
173.	Holbrook, Matthew	228.	Luffman, Randy	283.	Newman, Allie
174.	Holbrook, Vetra Adams	229.	Luffman, Roby Lee	284.	Newman, Samantha
175.	Johnson, Chris	230.	Luffman, Sue	285.	Norman, David
176.	Johnson, Clyde	231.	Luffman, Vassie	286.	Norman, Emily
177.	Johnson, Ed	232.	Luffman, Whitney	287.	Norman, Mary Bell J.
178.	Johnson, Joey	233.	Luffman, Winnie	288.	Norman, Mary C.
179.	Johnson, Lauren	234.	Luther, Faye B.	289.	Norman, Phyllis
180.	Johnson, Mary Sue	235.	Macemore, Amber	290.	Norman, Reed
181.	Jolly, Wendy B.	236.	Macemore, Christopher	291.	Norman, Rodney
182.	Jones, Emily	237.	Macemore, Kathy	292.	Norman, Sally
183.	Jones, Hannah	238.	Macemore, Laura	293.	Norman, Sue R.
184.	Jones, Sonya B.	239.	Macemore, Mark	294.	Norman, Teddy
185.	Jordan, Dawn M.	240.	Martin, Barbara	295.	Pardue, Barry
186.	Jordan, James	241.	Martin, Cathy	296.	Pardue, Gary
187.	Jordan, Nathan	242.	Martin, Charles	297.	Pardue, Jodene
188.	Kipp, Jackie	243.	Martin, Chase	298.	Pardue, Nadine
189.	Koll, Amber Norman	244.	Martin, Claude	299.	Pardue, Ronnie
190.	Lane, Susan Hayes	245.	Martin, Desserie C.	300.	Pardue, Samantha
191.	Lawrence, Eva	246.	Martin, Gary	301.	Park, Jerry
192.	Lawrence, Phillip	247.	Martin, Georgia	302.	Park, Nellie Jo
193.	Laws, Nicole	248.	Martin, Jean	303.	Patterson, Nancy Murray
194.	Layell, Billy	249.	Martin, Jill	304.	Pendergrass, Gail
195.	Layell, Bramlet	250.	Martin, Kay	305.	Peterson, Hilda Gaye
196.	Layell, Carol	251.	Martin, Larry	306.	Peterson, Jim
197.	Layell, Ila	252.	Martin, Luke	307.	Poteat, Aaron
198.	Layell, Lorotha	253.	Martin, Mickey	308.	Poteat, Ashley
199.	Layell, Steve	254.	Martin, Nykyshia	309.	Poteat, Marie C.
200.	Ledford, Brittany	255.	Martin, Raymond	310.	Prevette, Mark
201.	Liles, Linda B.	256.	Martin, Rhonda	311.	Prevette, Michael
202.	Liles, Penny	257.	Martin, Rosie	312.	Prevette, Reba
203.	Liles, Thomas H.	258.	Martin, Sandra	313.	Prevette, Robert
204.	Liles, Tommy	259.	Martin, Scott	314.	Reece, Cathy C.
205.	Luffman, Aleene	260.	Martin, Stacey	315.	Reece, Emily W.
206.	Luffman, Arvil	261.	Martin, Steve	316.	Reece, Glenn
207.	Luffman, Ashley	262.	Martin, Terrin	317.	Reece, Kasi
208.	Luffman, Bill	263.	Martin, Wesley	318.	Reeves, Abby
209.	Luffman, Billy	264.	Mathis, Bobby	319.	Reeves, Anna
210.	Luffman, Bonnie	265.	McHone, Diane	320.	Reeves, Chris
211.	Luffman, Butrice	266.	McHone, Johnny	321.	Reeves, Kari



322.	Reinhardt, Eric	355.	Simmons, Dorothy M	389.	Waddell, Casey
323.	Roberts, Susan	356.	Simmons, Nancy	390.	Waddell, Ray
324.	Rogers, Brandon	357.	Skywalker, Dan	391.	Waddell, Shirley
325.	Ross, Winifred	358.	Skywalker, Kathy	392.	Walker, Dana
326.	Roth, Eric	359.	Smith, Agnes C.	393.	Walker, Mark
327.	Roth, Rhonda Nance	360.	Smith, Ann	394.	Walker, Robert
328.	Royal, Arron	361.	Smith, Betty Ann Carter	395.	Wall, Amanda C.
329.	Royal, Debbie	362.	Smith, Betty Royal	396.	Wall, Ethan
330.	Royal, James	363.	Smith, Dana	397.	Wall, Jennifer
331.	Royal, Laura	364.	Smith, Dody	398.	Wall, Neil
332.	Royal, Steve	365.	Smith, Joel	399.	Wall, Shane
333.	Saldivar, Rita	366.	Smith, Randy	400.	Wall, Tom
	Caudill Hemrick	367.	Smith, Sharon	401.	Walsh, Brad
334.	Saint John, Jade	368.	Smith, Tony	402.	Walsh, Debbie Davis
335.	Schuyler, Amy	369.	Smith, Tyler	403.	Walsh, Denise
336.	Schuyler, Brittany	370.	Smith, Viola	404.	Walsh, Jeff
337.	Sealey, Brooke	371.	Sparks, Randy	405.	Walsh, Shelby
338.	Sealey, Charlie	372.	Sparks, Shane	406.	Watson, Donna Jaye
339.	Sealey, Karen	373.	Sparks, Shelia	407.	White, Artis
340.	Sealey, Luke	374.	Spicer, Amy N.	408.	Willey, Justin
341.	Sebastain, Caroline	375.	Spicer, Connie	409.	Willey, Mike
342.	Settle, Eddie	376.	Storm, Billy	410.	Williams, Amanda
343.	Settle, Matthew	377.	Swain, Sandra	411.	Williams, Archie
344.	Settle, Melissa	378.	Thompson, Bob	412.	Williams, Carol
345.	Settle, Millie H.	379.	Thompson, Geri	413.	Williams, Clint
346.	Settle, Shelia W.	380.	Thompson, Richard	414.	Williams, Sandra
347.	Shelton, Debbie S.	381.	Tilley, Dwight	415.	Wilmoth, Cory
348.	Shelton, Wilson	382.	Tucker, Chris	416.	Wilmoth, Eddie
349.	Shew, Casey	383.	Tucker, Flora	417.	Wilmoth, Howard
350.	Shew, Kayla	384.	Tucker, Ricky	418.	Wilmoth, Peggy
351.	Shore, Whitney	385.	Tulbert, Lorene J.	419.	Wood, Kellie
352.	Sidden, Cathy	386.	Turpin, Jackie	420.	Wooten, Roger
353.	Sidden, John	387.	Turpin, Mabel L.	421.	Wooten, Sharon G
354.	Simmons, Brittany Burton	388.	Voncannon, Hessie Layell		

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Note: List updated September 2007 by going back in records, calling specific families, individuals, etc. and removing names of deceased members. Committee regrets if anyone was left out or should have been removed and wasn't. Name changes have been adjusted when notified or known by church members.

# *In Memoriam*

John 14:3 - If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also.

1975 .....	Larry Collins Fred Norman	1988 .....	Herman Carter Russell Draughn V. Winfrey Luffman, deacon	Lula Mae Norman Warren Ross	
1976 .....	Alice Carter			2000 .....	Loten Adams E. A. Carter, Jr, deacon Naomi Everett Cecil Haynes Lexie Luffman Sarah Jane Martin
1977 .....	Russell Baugues Clyde Johnson Lena Norman	1989 .....	James Carlton Genevieve Couch Janice Lawson		
1978 .....	Ples Haynes Will Pardue	1990 .....	Mattie Carter Graham Cockerham Mae Mooney L. B. Murray Irene Royal	2001 .....	Verda Branscome Parks Groce Lyndon Harris Lester Luffman Hazel Luffman Susie Murray
1979 .....	Mamie Carter Wiley Darnell Ralph Luffman			2002 .....	Lizzie Couch Graham Martin Russell Pardue
1980 .....	Walker Luffman	1991 .....	Tessie Carter Ralph Collins Fred Layell	2003 .....	Tam Cheek Joe Golden Grace Lewis Haynes Ray Jordan Verlie Martin Phoy Simmons, Jr. Clinton Smith
1981 .....	Iva Layell Amy Luffman Lillie Martin Floyd Mooney Esta Murray John Norman, deacon Mamie Smith E.W. York	1992 .....	Dicie Carter Bessie Stamey		
1982 .....	Ruby Hamby Tiny Luffman Ada Pardue	1993 .....	Erma Carter Ionia Luffman Edna Thompson Wilson Thompson Laurie Taylor Tucker Ledford Tucker	2004 .....	William "Bill" Williams
1983 .....	Bramlet Carter, deacon Bryan Carter, deacon Verlie Davis Sim DeHart Thursa Pettyjohn	1994 .....	Omie Carter Ellen McCann Denise Settle Minton John Sparks	2005 .....	None listed
1984 .....	None listed	1995 .....	Clyde Norman	2006 .....	Harvey Settle, deacon Mohea Tucker Caudill Mary Virginia White
1985 .....	Mary B DeHart Curtis Luffman	1996 .....	Dossie Adams Selma Layell Sam Spicer,deacon	2007 .....	In Memoriam
1986 .....	Thomas L. Davis, deacon Ella Hill Manley Martin	1997 .....	Sam Carter Lydia Caudle Nell Murray Vicky Willey		Source: Annual Reports- Elkin Baptist Assoc.
1987 .....	Bessie Carter Edgar Carter Paul Carter Tessie Harris Pearl Luffman Clinton Norman	1998 .....	Lee Lawrence Vonson Layell		Note: Association year is from fall through summer of next year so names of deceased may be listed on year after death.
		1999 .....	Nell Carter Ernest Caudle Opal Collins Tim Collins Greg Newman		



# *100th Anniversary Committee*

**2 Peter 3:18: But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen**

## **Committee Members spent numerous volunteer hours:**

Agnes Carter Smith, granddaughter of BJ Carter, daughter of Bryan Carter, deacon  
David "Nick" Brown, only grandson of Rev. LB & Esta Murray, son of Mabel Murray Brown Gaskill  
Billy Nathan Carter, great grandson of BJ Carter, grandson of EA Carter, son of EA Carter Jr., deacon  
Hilary Alex Carter, grandson of Hillery Carter, son of Bramlet Carter, deacon  
Christine Spicer Greene, daughter of Sam Spicer, deacon  
Daniel Merritt, Pastor

The 100th Anniversary Committee hopes that you enjoy memories of the past church days through our compiling the Centennial History of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church as a keepsake of the 100th birthday of the church held on October 21, 2007. We have made every effort to ask members to contribute pictures, tributes, etc to include in this special book. It is with deep regret if anything was left out. To ensure as much clarity as possible, some pictures may be presented in a larger format than others and are displayed in no particular order.

We are blessed that over the years Pleasant Ridge Church has received some large contributions on church and cemetery projects, given by church members, former church members, and non-members. This love for Pleasant Ridge has lived and traveled a long way.

God has richly blessed our church from humble beginnings with men and women of faith, character, integrity, and vision. It is our prayer that we continue to "love one another as Christ has loved us", and be a shining light to Pleasant Ridge community. **To God be the glory!**

## **Gratitude and appreciation go to others who assisted with the book:**

All who contributed pictures and articles  
Butrice Luffman who compiled history 1907-1982  
Sarah Byrd, Kay & Mickie Martin for encouraging and advising on layout  
Sarah Byrd, Sharon Smith, Jim Peterson, Nikyshia Martin, and Sandra Williams with typing and page making  
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Jennifer Ball and Karen Draughon, layout and design

Jim Peterson, making pictures and copies of pictures

**Psalm 89:1: I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever:  
with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.**

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## *Psalm 67*

- 1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.
- 5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
- 6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

## *Ten Commandments*

Exodus 20:3,4,7,8,12-17

Exodus:

- 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,.....
- 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 12 Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- 13 Thou shalt not kill.
- 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 15 Thou shalt not steal.
- 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- 17 Thy shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.











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